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## BRITISH PARACHUTE LANDING

Dramatic Raid By Picked Men On Communication Lines In South Italy  
**War Office Breaks Silence On Attempted Coup**

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

BRITISH PARACHUTE TROOPS, KEY MEN TRAINED IN THE MIDDLE EAST COMMAND, ON FRIDAY CARRIED OUT A DARING LANDING IN THE REGION OF ITALIAN PORTS IN SOUTHERN ITALY, CAME AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY TO CAUSE A SENSATION IN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

First disclosure of the audacious attack, the first ever made (and officially admitted as having been made) by British troops in actual combat, was made by the Italian High Command, which claimed the capture of the entire contingent, and that the raid was a failure, though some damage was done.

THE BRITISH WAR OFFICE DECLINED FOR SEVERAL HOURS TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE ITALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SUCH AN OPERATION HAD BEEN CARRIED THROUGH, BUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, GAVE BRIEF DETAILS OF THE PARACHUTE LANDING, INCLUDING THE DRAMATIC INFORMATION, BY INFERENCE, THAT SOME OF THE PARACHUTISTS GOT SAFELY AWAY.

The War Office version made this announcement in backhanded fashion, stating that "some of the troops engaged had failed to return to their base."

According to the Italian version of the landing, the British parachutists made a futile attempt to wreck lines of communication and water supplies in vital regions.

The War Office stated that full details of the results of the venture had not yet been received, but observers see in the reluctant Italian admission that damage was done evidence that the attack was highly successful.

The Italian reports describe the British parachutists as "crack troops, armed with machine-guns, hand grenades and high explosive."

They were "dropped from the skies in regions in Calabria and Lucania in southern Italy."

The venture has given rise to excited speculation on the next development in British strategy in the campaign against Italy. — International News Service.

The Italian communiqué stated: "During the night following February 10 the dropped groups of parachutists in the region of Calabria and Lucania, in Southern Italy."

They were equipped with machine-guns, hand grenades and explosives, with the purpose of interrupting our communications and damaging hydraulic works. All the parachutists were captured.

Violent fighting occurred during which a policeman and a civilian were killed. — British Wireless.

### Official British Announcement

It was officially revealed in London yesterday that British soldiers, dressed in recognised military uniforms, were recently dropped in southern Italy by parachute.

An announcement by the Ministry of Information stated: "Soldiers dressed in recognised military uniforms were recently dropped by parachute in southern Italy. They had instructions to demolish certain objectives connected with the front."

NO STATEMENT CAN YET BE MADE ON THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATION. BUT SOME OF THE MEN HAVE NOT YET RETURNED TO BASE."

According to the Italian version of the affair the British soldiers were dressed in khaki uniforms and carried maps, automatic arms and explosives.

### Landed in Forest

They landed in a clearing in a forest and occupied several farms. The alarm was given; says the Italian story, and a cordon was

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Defusing a bomb still in the shattered rack of a Nazi bomber which crashed recently in Johnson Road, Bromley, Kent, demolishing two houses. (Copyright, Air Mail.)

### BURMA ORDER TO CONTROL ALIENS

Sir Archibald Cochrane, Governor of Burma, yesterday issued an Order prohibiting aliens from entering or remaining in certain border territories.

The areas affected are opposite the French Indo-China and Thai borders. The border with China is not affected.

### WAR WOULD BE BAD

It is true that the situation between Japan and the United States causes some concern but it is unwarrantable to jump to the conclusion that the situation might be overtaken by such a bad event as war, it was officially declared in Tokyo yesterday.

Needless to say, the announcement added, both Governments are doing all in their power to prevent the situation coming to such a pass.

The announcement said the propaganda abroad had represented the situation as "extremely aggravated," and put this down to the "ulterior motives of some foreign element."

It is remarked in London the German and German-controlled radio stations all over Europe have been broadcasting reports of an impending rupture between Japan and the United States.

THE GERMAN RADIO, FOR INSTANCE, DECLARED THAT ADMIRAL NOMURA'S MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES WAS USELESS "AS THINGS HAVE ALREADY GONE TOO FAR."

### DUTCH HINT

A Dutch broadcast from London yesterday said Japan had scant hope of German assistance under the Axis Pact.

The announcer said Germany had not prevented the defeat of Italy, and asked what she could do for Japan.

HE SAID THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES WAS STRONGLY FORTIFIED AND ANY JAPANESE ATTEMPT WOULD BE A DESPERATE ADVENTURE.

The announcer denied that Dutch ships in the Far East had been ordered to neutral ports or that Japan had demanded naval and air bases in the N.E.I.

## MAJOR YUGOSLAVIAN CAPITULATION RULED-OUT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE POSSIBILITY of a three-way conference in Germany between Hitler and Yugoslavian and Bulgarian leaders was reported in Belgrade yesterday after the first meeting between Hitler and Ribbentrop and the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister following the latter's sudden dash to Germany.

German quarters hint that in the suggested triangular meeting might lay the basis for a quick German military sweep across both Yugoslavia and Bulgaria against Salonika and the Dardanelles and Bosphorus region.

Nothing in information derived from dependable Yugoslavian quarters indicates, however, that the Prime Minister committed his Government in any way to any proposal.

Hitler and his Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, received the Yugoslavian Premier and Foreign Minister on Friday night.

Questions "of common interest" were discussed, says a brief communiqué issued in Berlin. — International News Service.

No official information is yet available on the three-hour talk at Berchtesgaden between Hitler and Ribbentrop and the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister.

The New York "Times" correspondent in Berlin said yesterday that neutral quarters in the Nazi capital believe no concrete result can be expected.

Ankara radio yesterday said Germany is trying to separate Yugoslavia from the other Balkan countries.

Turkey has always urged the Balkan nations to stand together. No agreement was signed by the Yugoslav statesmen during their visit to Germany, said the Belgrade correspondent of the New York "Times" late yesterday, quoting high political quarters.

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### CORRESPONDENTS IN ITALY MUST NOT PRY

All foreign correspondents in Rome have been notified that they must not leave the Italian capital without official permission, says the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times."

Official reason for this restrictive action is that Rome correspondents went to Bardighera while Mussolini was having his talks with General Franco. — Reuter.

## 'SINGLE FLASH' WARNING

British and American hostility against Japan was growing "bolder and more manifest every day, giving one the impression that a single flash might cause a conflagration."

So declared Count Kodama, spokesman for the largest party in the House of Peers, demanding that the Diet be convened in the event of any grave situation arising in the international field.

Japan's supplies of petroleum were not wholly satisfactory but were sufficient at present to meet the requirements of national defence, declared General Hoshino, answering a question for the Government before the House of Representatives Budget Committee. — Reuter.

### Report To Prince

The Yugoslav Prime Minister and Foreign Minister arrived back in Belgrade at noon yesterday from their talks with Hitler at Berchtesgaden, says the official German news agency.

They went straight to the palace to report to the Regent, Prince Paul.

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## PRESSURE TIGHTENS IN AFRICA

A total of 103 field-guns, two heavy anti-aircraft guns and 20 light anti-aircraft guns were captured in the battle south of Benghazi, it was announced in Cairo yesterday.

Prisoners and war material are still being counted, it was added. In Eritrea, satisfactory progress is being made by the British column advancing from the north on Keren. In the Keren area, though the enemy has been reinforced, our pressure is increasing.

In the Blue Nile region of Abyssinia, the Sudan Defence Force surprised and routed an Italian force which suffered many casualties.

In Italian Somaliland, the port of Mogadishu has been captured, guns, armoured vehicles and prisoners being taken.

In the harbour, our forces found a scuttled ship and three other damaged but still floating, while the oil wells were on fire. — British Wireless.

## GERMAN ANTI-VICHY CAMPAIGN

The German-controlled radio in France is keeping up the campaign against the Vichy Government.

Paris radio yesterday declared there were doubts whether Admiral Darlan was really cooperating with Germany, and said it was foolish to imagine that by his appointment all broken threads were picked up again.

German reports allege there have already been further changes in the Vichy administration, others say changes will occur soon, but there is no official confirmation from Vichy itself. — British Wireless.

### PREREMPTORY WARNING

## SEVERE NIGHT RAIDS EXPECTED

A WARNING THAT THE NIGHT BOMBER MENACE WAS NOT YET MASTERED AND TO EVERY TOWN TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST, WAS UTTERED BY MR. HERBERT MORRISON, THE HOME SECRETARY, SPEAKING AT PRESTON YESTERDAY.

"There are signs that things are moving in the right direction," he said, "and signs that the enemy is doing things to defend himself. It is a bit of a race as to who is going to get there first."

"I don't know whether we shall be triumphant over the night bomber. We are studying the problem with all the vigour we can."

"In the meantime we must face it that night bombing will go on and we must take it because the alternative is to give way, and that is too terrible to contemplate."

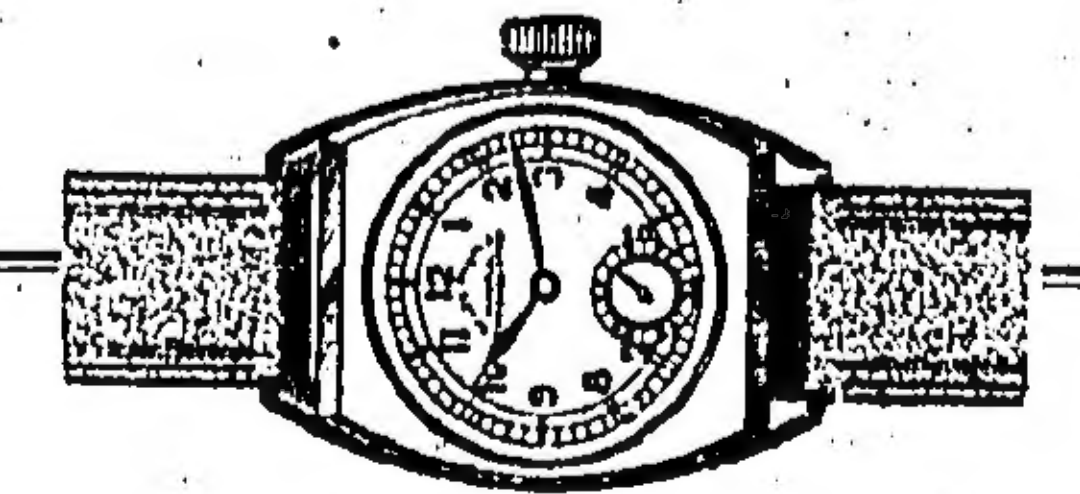
"I think it would be wise for the civil authorities to assume that night attacks may become more severe for a time. It may be that the numbers of visiting hostile aircraft may increase."

### Complacency Menace

Warning against complacency, Mr. Morrison declared: "I would urge upon every town, every city, every village and hamlet in the country, if they have any feeling that somehow they are going to avoid trouble, to get rid of that feeling."

"I would like to frighten them out of their lives. It would not do for any town or area to assume, it is going to keep clear of trouble. It must be ready for the worst."

"It is necessary for larger towns, where there have been no attacks, to keep keyed up for stronger attacks during the weeks that are to come. — Reuter.



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# BRITISH CIVIL HEROES OF THE BLITZKRIEG

STORIES OF EXTREME HEROISM ON THE PART OF CIVILIANS IN BRITAIN WERE REVEALED IN THE LONDON "GAZETTE" YESTERDAY WITH THE PUBLICATION OF AWARDS OF THE GEORGE MEDAL AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

Ivor Davies, engine-driver, and Frank Nunes, fireman, were driving a train composed of trucks full of ammunition and petrol when attacked by Nazi bombers.

Incendiary bombs set fire to the train and the two men tried to pump out the fire with the pumps. They controlled the fire and when bombs in the trucks were cool enough removed them. Lewis and Christie, inhabitants of London's East End, were the heroes of a night raid.

## SEVERE RAIDS NEAR TEPELINI

"Severe and very successful attacks on enemy concentrations in the area north of Tepelini were maintained by R.A.F. bombers all day on Friday," states a communiqué issued by Headquarters of the British forces in Greece yesterday.

The communiqué continues: "Considerable damage was done by bombs dropped on gun emplacements, moving motor transport columns and other Italian forward line preparations on the road between Buzi and Glave, and in the village of Kamshisti, gun positions being machine-gunned from a low level."

"Other bomber formations, escorted by fighters, operated in close support of the Greek forces."

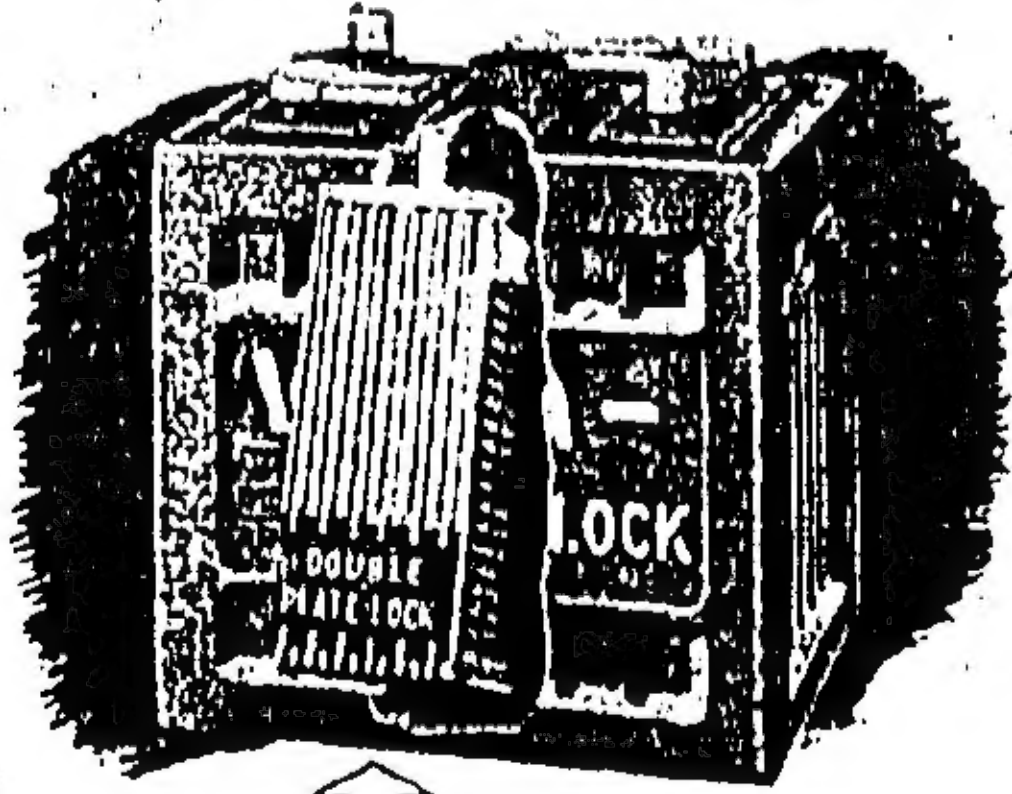
"On the previous day a formation of our bombers operating in the Berali area were intercepted by Italian monoplane fighters, Macchi 200's. An engagement resulted in two enemy aircraft shot down in flames. Two of our bombers failed to return."—Reuter.

### Greek Communique

While Greek C.I.G. in its latest communiqué announce many prisoners taken, official confirmation is not yet forthcoming of Athens radio statements of the capture of 7,400.

The communiqué states: "Successful local operations, causing very heavy losses to the enemy. Two hundred prisoners taken. A number of rifles and automatic weapons, as well as material of all kinds, has fallen into our hands."—British Wireless.

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# DANGER IN THE PACIFIC

## Nazi Effort To Pull Japan Into World Conflict

### Threat Not Thought To Be Immediate

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NO FURTHER INDICATION THAT JAPANESE AGGRESSIVE PLANS IN THE SOUTH ARE GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT AT ONCE, SAID THE LONDON "NEWS CHRONICLE" YESTERDAY.

It is very proper, however, says the newspaper, that the people of Australia and other threatened territories should be frankly warned of the danger that may soon face them.

Expressing the view that Japan will first seek an understanding with the Soviet Union the newspaper remarks that since Japan signed the military alliance with the Axis and began to deflect her ambitions southwards there has been a marked change in her attitude to the Soviets.

Referring to the discussion regarding the Soviet Union in the Japanese Diet on Friday the paper says that Japan is evidently back-peddling over Russia, as hard as she can go—just as Hitler did—in the interests of power politics.

"Moscow is hardly more communicative on the subject than Lenin in his mausoleum, but our guess is that before very long Japan will have attained sufficient of an understanding to feel that she can pursue her aggressive plans in the South without fear of trouble at her back."

### Needlessly Alarmist

The diplomatic correspondent of "The Times", writing on the reasons for warnings as regards the Far East, says Rome unofficial warnings and unconfirmed news items certainly have been a redoubtable alarmist but the reasons for official warnings in the English-speaking countries are simple.

For some time, particularly since the talks in Washington last year, there has been a steady exchange of information among them on Far Eastern affairs.

The Netherlands Government, with sovereignty in the East Indies, joined in the exchange.

Much of the information is secret but what is not secret is the way in which the Japanese extremists have been following the German model—even German tuition—in recent moves and projects.

### Nazi Tactics

It is merely to this sharply increasing trend that Government spokesmen in the English-speaking countries have called public attention.

The Germans hope to provoke a clash between Japan and the English-speaking peoples in order to divert the latter's strength from Europe, and owing to the growing influence of the extremists in Tokyo the situation has closely to be watched.

EVEN THE ELEMENTARY PRECAUTIONS NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARE BEING MISINTERPRETED.

To totalitarian minds a simple precaution by another is aggression, while totalitarian aggression is of course no more than precaution.

The Ambassador in Tokyo maintains close and frank contacts with the Japanese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

### Call For Calm

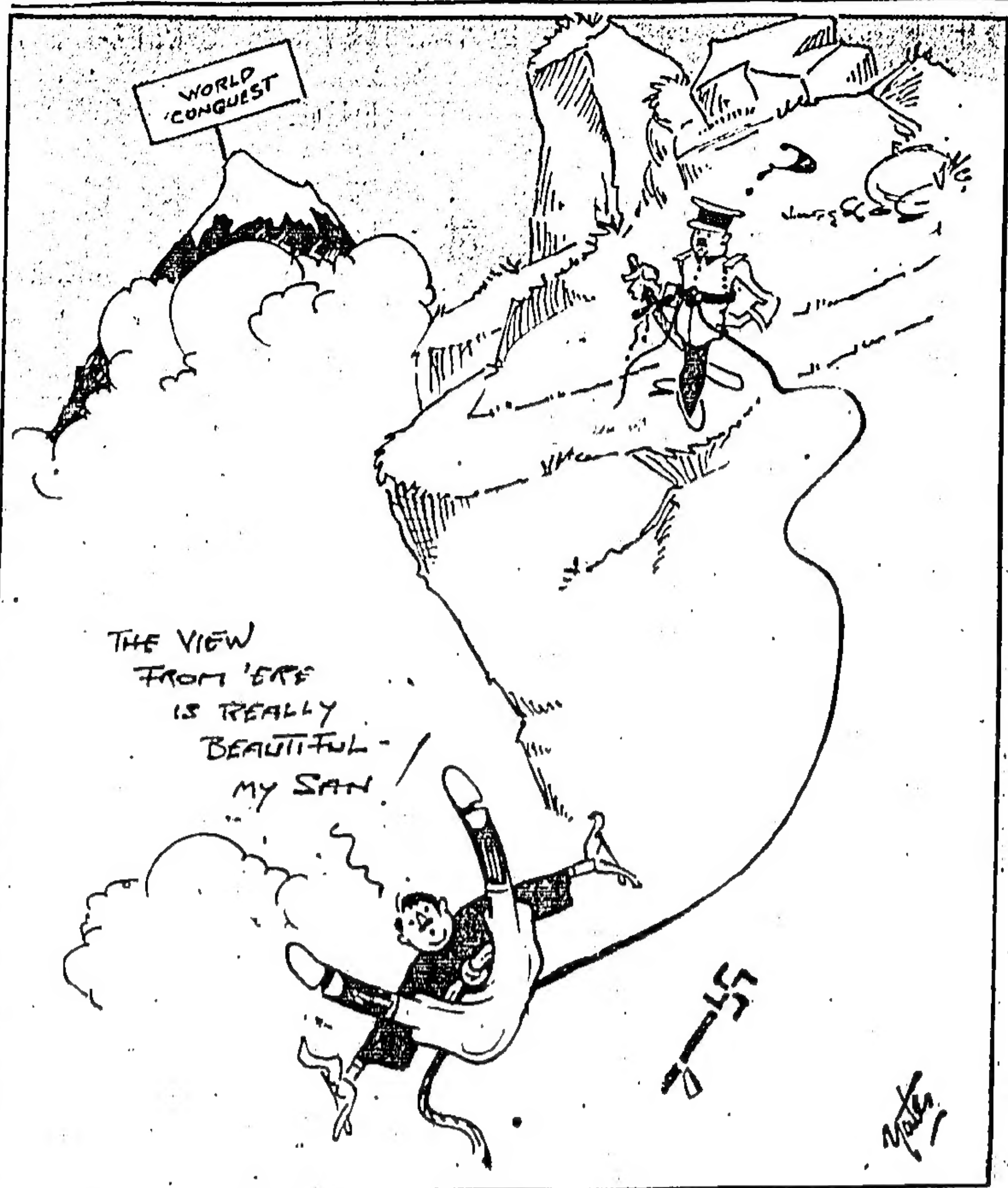
Editorials in Australian newspapers yesterday emphasised the necessity for calm and determination.

The Australian press says the situation in the Pacific is serious but not imminently critical.

## PEANUT OIL BAN PROTESTS

PEANUT OIL USED IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD THROUGHOUT CHINA, HAS BEEN USHERED INTO THE LIMELIGHT AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT'S RECENT REGULATION PROHIBITING IMPORT EXCEPT BY PERMIT.

Dealers, up in arms against this new order, have requested the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to "take the matter up with the authorities, since recently bona fide dealers have been refused import permits."



WILL HE FALL FOR IT?—ON THE END OF A NAZI STRING.

## Nazi Charges Refuted

Nazi accusations that German subjects interned in Britain are being "half-starved" were emphatically denied by the Earl of Lytton, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Aliens, yesterday.

He said he had visited all camps in the Isle of Man, where the Nazis alleged the diet was only oatmeal and potatoes, and found that each alien had adequate rations of bread, flour, meat, fish, tea, coffee, sugar, milk, jam, marmalade, spaghetti, oatmeal, potatoes, fresh vegetables and so forth.

Lord Lytton said the Nazi allegation was a lie invented to justify the internment of British civilians in France and other occupied territory.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIAN WARNING

SIR FREDERICK STEWART, AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DECLARED YESTERDAY: "WE SHOULD BE DELUDING OURSELVES IF WE FAIL TO APPRECIATE THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT POSITION."

"It is unfortunately true that a nation, with whom by all the rules of mutual interest and geographical association—to say nothing of the traditions of past friendship—we should be on harmonious terms has associated itself in a military alliance with our enemies."—Reuter.

## ILL-TREATED WARD

For keeping an unregistered eight-year-old ward, and assaulting her, in King, 33, of No. 3 Temple Street, was fined \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the girl reported to the Yauwatt Police Station on Wednesday and alleged that she had been beaten.

The following day, the woman was summoned to the station, where she admitted having struck the girl with a piece of firewood. The girl was presented to a doctor by her mother owing to poverty.

## Not Intended To Cause Alarm

Mr. Curtin, the Australian Labour leader, declared yesterday that he assumed full responsibility for the Ministers' statement earlier in the week that the war had entered a new phase of gravity.

Mr. Curtin said his statement was made not to cause alarm but the people of Australia should be told the real position and they must be ready and armed.

## HIGH PRESSURE WARNING TO JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES ARE ENGAGED IN ONE OF THE GREATEST PRESSURE MOVES ON JAPAN EVER MADE, ACCORDING TO INDICATIONS IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Carried out concurrently by the four Governments the move is designed to counteract German pressure on Japan to enter the war and strike at British and Dutch East Indies possessions in the Pacific.

## RESTRICTIONS RELAXED

Regulations governing the movement of rice in the Colony waters have been modified, according to an announcement in the "Gazette" yesterday.

Rice may now be moved, without licence, in the harbour in the open between the Military Camp Pier at Shumshuipo, Blockhead's Point on the mainland, the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's Pier at West Point and Causeway Bay on the Island.

## ATTACK ON MALTA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Italian aircraft carried out an unsuccessful attack on Malta on Friday, according to an Air Ministry communiqué. Three persons were killed, but small damage was done. One of the raiders was shot down.—International News Service.

## "DANGEROUS AREA"

The Harbour Department announced yesterday that "a dangerous area" exists within a radius of half a mile from Lat. 22.05 N. Long. 114.10 East.

## Heavier Nazi Air Activity

Friday night witnessed more German aerial activity over Britain than has been experienced for some time though it was not on a large scale.

Bombers were dropped at a number of points in East Anglia, London and the Home Counties. Nowhere was damage heavy and casualties were few.

In the London area the raids were scattered. Hundreds of incendiaries were dropped but organised fire watchers dealt with them and no big fire developed. The raid was over before midnight.

One part of East England experienced the heaviest body of raiders yet but the Nazi planes were driven off by R.A.F. night fighters and A.A. defences.

## NO PRIZE OFFERED

In order to decide a suitable emblem for the planes of the British China Squadron the committee of the British Voluntary War Fund in Shanghai yesterday publicly invited Britons to send suggestions.

No prize will be given for the design which the committee deems best and it is specially stated that designs embodying the Chinese dragon will not be considered.—Reuter.

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# RESISTANCE TO WAR TAX CHANGES

Indications Of Further Controversy In The Making

## GERMANY AND GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")  
A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman stated yesterday at a press conference that there had been no change in the relations between Germany and Greece. — International News Service.

## Sharp Fine On Japanese

A 26-year-old Japanese, Kuroshi Yaita, residing at the Gloucester Hotel, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with a breach of the Defence Regulations and with giving false information.

According to Sgt. Mann, of the Special Branch, accused's room at Gloucester Hotel was searched on February 7, and a code was found in his possession.

The code was an unusual commercial code, and was written on a special kind of paper. Accused was an electro-chemical engineer attached to the Japanese Military Authorities.

As regards the second charge, defendant took a Chinese lady to the hotel the same day and registered her as his wife, whereas in fact she was not.

Defendant told the Court that the code was only used in Mexico and Canton, and he had no intention of using it in the Colony.

Defendant was fined \$500 on the first count and \$20 on the second.

## ANTI-INVASION MANOEUVRES

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")  
Twenty thousand Canadian troops took part on Friday in anti-invasion manoeuvres "somewhere in England," under the command of Major-General Fox, Lieut.-General H. L. McNaghten directed the operations. — International News Service.

## READY TO GO ON AND ON

Australian troops who have cleared up Cyrenaica are now ready to go on.  
Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, who inspected Anzac troops at Benghazi, said they were prepared and eager for battle.

## Opposition To Proposed Committee

LIKELIHOOD OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANOTHER SHARP CONTROVERSY OVER GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE WAR TAXATION SYSTEM WAS INDICATED TO THE "SUNDAY HERALD" YESTERDAY BY WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS.

During the recent outline of Government's Budget proposals, the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, announced that Government proposed to re-constitute the War Taxation Committee to re-examine the principles on which War Taxation is based.

The "Sunday Herald" learns that even this proposal, re-constitution of the Committee is being resisted, and it was stated last night that certain members of Legislative Council will oppose any attempt to increase the present rates of War Tax.

Most if not all of the members of the former War Taxation Committee have, it is known, received invitations to sit once more on the problem, and most have accepted.

Chief criticism of the War Taxation system is that while the earned income of Hong Kong's residents is subject to taxation, unearned income escapes, which is manifestly contrary to sound income tax principles.

## Chinese Society Wedding

A BRILLIANT CHINESE SOCIETY WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN MISS ANGELA WAI-CHUN, YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF MR. PHILIP COCKCHIN, BECAME THE BRIDE OF MR. CHEN SHU-KAI, SON OF MR. CHAN WAI-CHOW.

The marriage service was conducted by the Rev. Lee Kai-yun, of St. Stephen's Church, and was accompanied by appropriate music with Mr. J. R. M. Smith at the organ.

The bride, who formerly studied at St. Stephen's Girls' College, looked charming in a gown of white chiffon velvet, designed by "Malene".

She was attended by three bridesmaids, her former schoolmates, Misses Tong Hok, Alice Li, and Elsie Wong, who were attired in princess gowns of light blue and pink also designed by "Malene".

Miss Hui Shu-ching, in a dress

## DR. CURRIE'S INTERVIEWS

## HAS TALK WITH CHOW EN-LAI

IT IS NOW CONFIRMED THAT MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE, MR. EMILE DEPRES, AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC MISSION, ARE PROCEEDING FROM CHUNGKING TO CHENG TU ON A SHORT VISIT BEFORE LEAVING EN ROUTE BACK TO WASHINGTON.

A telephone message from Chengtu yesterday quoted General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechuen, as saying that Mr. Currie and Mr. Depres, accompanied by the Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, were arriving there next week.

During his stay, it is learned, Mr. Currie has exchanged views with numerous Chinese Government leaders and also had several conversations with Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, the British Ambassador.

He also had an interview with Mr. Chow En-lai, the prominent Communist leader. — Reuter.

of mauve lace and veil, was Maid-of-Honour.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Philip Cockchin, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Chief Manager of the Wing On Company, Limited, and the Wing On Bank, Limited.

Mr. Choy Wai-fun was best man.

A reception was held later in the afternoon, followed by a dinner at the Kwong Chow Restaurant in West Point.



An exterior view of the Tai Wo Hospital to be opened next month. The new hospital has cost over \$300,000 in development of the property at No. 1, Babington Path.

## NEW HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED NEXT MONTH

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

HONG KONG will have an additional hospital next month when it will be officially opened by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., the "Sunday Herald" learned authoritatively yesterday.

Called the Tai Wo Hospital, it will contain 60 surgical beds, accommodated in 37 rooms which are to be divided into three classes, and equipped with up-to-date medical equipment and surgical apparatus.

## ACQUITTAL ON SERIOUS CHARGES

POINTING OUT THAT THE EVIDENCE OF THE PROSECUTION INSOFAR AS PROOF OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS CONCERNED, WAS THAT OF A MAN, HIS WIFE, AND THEIR SERVANT, AND THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO CORROBORATION OF THE REALLY MATERIAL PARTS OF THEIR STORY, MR. C. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY DISMISSED THE CASE AGAINST WONG HAI-FONG AND CHEUNG KUNG-HOI, WHO WERE ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO THREATEN TANG KING-WAN, WITH INJURY, SO AS TO CAUSE HIM TO OMIT TO PROSECUTE IN AN ACTION IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Also dismissed was a charge against second accused of demanding with menaces a sum of \$200.

In the course of the proceedings, it was alleged that the second accused met complainant in a ten house on May 5, and said to him: "I understand that you are going to take legal proceedings against Wong Hai-fong. It would be wise for you not to do so. . . you will have to give him back \$10,000. If not, your life will be endangered."

It was alleged that complainant met second accused on several other occasions and that second accused repeated his threats and eventually demanded \$500 as tea money, which was later, after some bargaining, reduced to \$200. A trap was set and second accused was arrested a few days later when he approached complainant and received the money.

Yesterday the Magistrate pointed out that no independent witness heard the alleged threats; no independent witness saw the men alleged to have been brought to intimidate the complainant.

It was criminal case, he added and before he could convict he would have to be satisfied, beyond reasonable doubt, that the story of complainant was true in substance and detail.

Costing in all over \$300,000, the new hospital was originally planned by a group of 12 local doctors. Owing to the unsettled conditions, the majority of the doctors in the original group have backed out.

The chief promoters now are Dr. Yip Tze-ching and Mr. Shu Tong, well-known manufacturers of Chinese patent medicines.

Only trained nurses are to be employed in the new institution—graduate nurses from the Netherlands Hospital, Young Wo Hospital, and the Tung Yik Maternity Hospital—and they will be under a Matron, an experienced nurse.

The hospital building is located at No. 1, Babington Path, formerly a Chinese educational institution. It has three floors.

The greater part of the building was pulled down, reconstructed and renovated according to plans drawn by Mr. T. C. Yuen, local architect. A new wing was added.

The operation room, air-conditioned, is located on the first floor. The ground floor, being reserved for offices, wardens, and the second floor for private wards.

The minimum rate to be charged has been fixed at \$1.50 per day and the maximum at \$10 per day, which charges do not include food or medical attention.

## NIGHT FIGHTERS DECORATED

Awards to Britain's night fighter pilots were announced in the London "Gazette" yesterday.

Flight-Lt. H. G. Goddard, who has been a night fighter pilot since September, 1939, shot down a Junkers 88 at 20,000 feet.

Flying Officer Enshaw has brought down many enemy planes, including three at night.

Flying Officer Williams has been on 44 night flights. On one occasion he attacked a Nazi aircraft only 500 feet over a French aerodrome.

## CHILDREN'S HOME AT TSUN WAN

The Buddhist Temple at Tsun Wan, is shortly to open a home for orphan children. The official ceremony will take place in a fortnight's time.

A feature of interest about the temple at Tsun Wan is that an American Buddhist monk is in joint charge.

## WARNING TO WOOD DEALERS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Unless firewood dealers cease profiteering, Government will establish a monopoly in this business, the "Sunday Herald" learned from a usually reliable source yesterday.

It is understood that Government has "threatened" importers that the firewood business will be taken over entirely by government if dealers persist in profiteering.

Members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce have suggested that Government throw open forests on certain hillside in the New Territories to be cut down to remedy the present situation.

This suggestion was, however, opposed by more experienced members of the Chamber who urged Government to encourage dealers to import large quantities, by securing the necessary shipping facilities for them.

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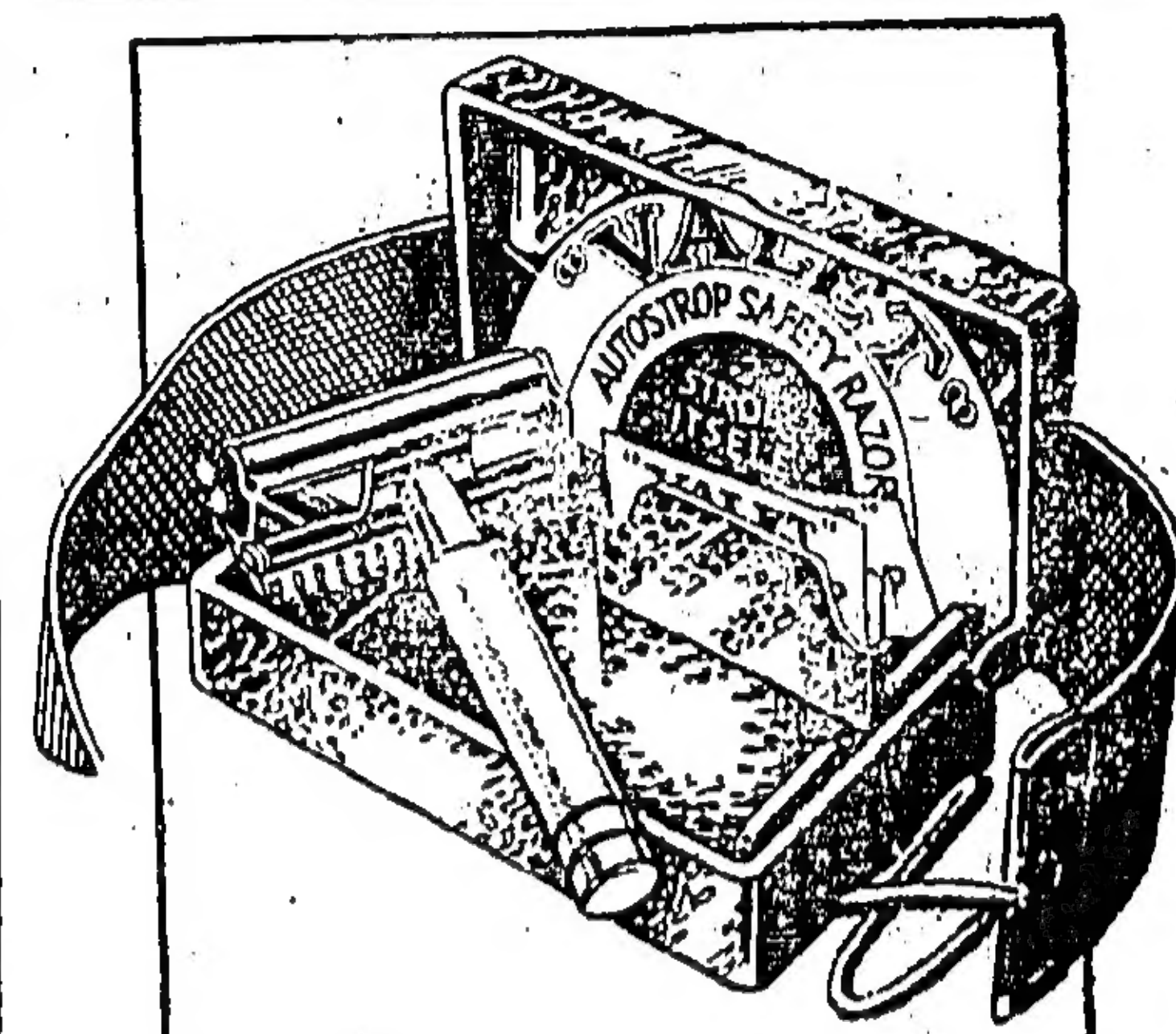
An order to this effect was issued by the Admiralty yesterday. The order further requires a wireless watch to be kept at certain set hours, five times a day. — Reuter.



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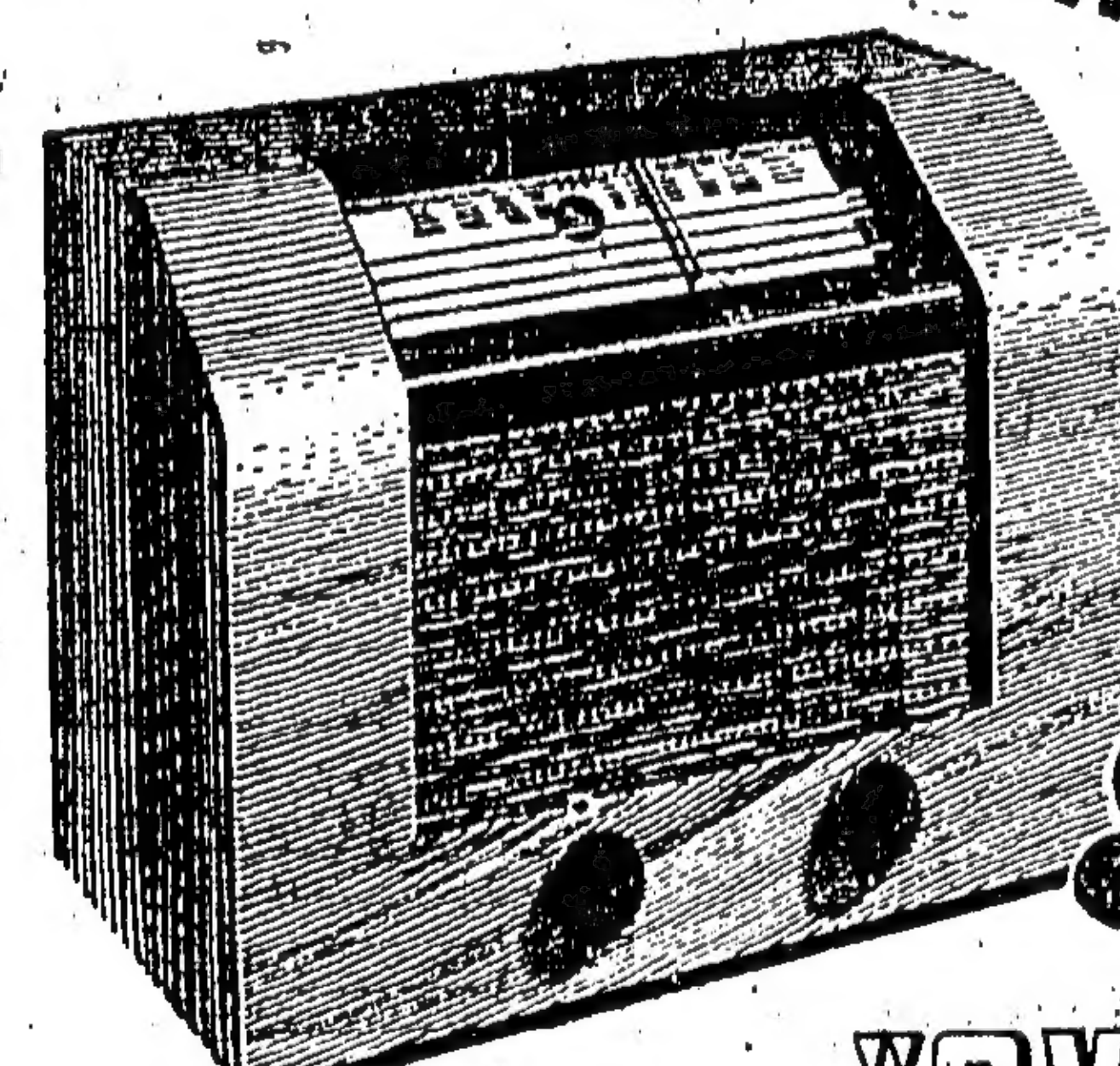


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## "Writing On The Wall" In Official Statistics

## Death Rate Climbs With Cost Of Living

THE CLOSE CONNECTION between the sharp rise in Hong Kong's mortality figures and the mounting cost of living is indicated by official figures made available to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

Statistics show a grim increase in the total number of deaths in 1940 as compared with 1939, and most of the increase is explained by malnutrition in one form or another.

The relevant figures for the four years ending on the 31st of December, are 34,035 for 1937, 38,838 for 1938, 48,317 for 1939 and 61,021 for 1940.

It should be recalled that the total population, including returning, was highest in mid-year 1939, since a certain exodus occurred in the second half of 1939 and in the late summer and early autumn of 1940, hence fewer persons were actually at risk at the end of 1940 than in the previous year.

When the actual causes of death are carefully analysed, it is found that diseases of the bowels, such as cholera, dysentery, enteritis, and typhoid all helped to swell the toll of deaths. When it is realised that over half a million of the inhabitants of the Colony of Hong Kong are dependent upon an antiquated, unorganised and thoroughly unsatisfactory system of nightsoil removal, by bucket, it is understandable that considerable avoidable loss of life and suffering results from preventable infectious diseases of this kind.

It must be remembered, too, that bodies weakened by debilitating diseases like these, especially when there is an associated factor of under-nourishment or faulty nutrition, are unable to ward off infection with tuberculosis.

the community, live mainly on rice, salt fish, vegetables, bean products and oil with an occasional—very occasional—bit of meat.

Taking the more important of these, third grade (mostly broken) rice rose in price from \$7.50 per picul in January to \$14.77 per picul on the 10th of December, 1940.

By the end of the year salt fish had risen to over 100 per cent. above the normal price prevalent at the outset of hostilities.

In the same way, the price of vegetables had risen nearly 200 per cent, beef 100 per cent, and pork 135 per cent.

Firewood Costs  
Firewood which forms a very important part of the internal economy of most homes in Hong Kong, had risen from 55 catties to the \$1 in January, 1940—compared with 135—165 in 1937—to 34 catties to the \$1 in December, 1940, and 21 catties in the dollar last week.

Publicity has been given to the decision by Government to import rice and fuel to assist the situation and such measures should be pressed home as rapidly as can be.

It should be superfluous to remind those who direct our destinies that "prevention is better than cure" and that money spent on the control of epidemic disease, such as cholera, and on the tuberculosis pest, is money saved from dealing with dangerous outbreaks and the loss of valuable lives, leaving aside the burden of suffering and the overcrowding of our hospitals which result from the occurrence and spread of such diseases.

## NEW POST FOR MAJ. WALKER

Major R. D. Walker, Manager and Chief Engineer of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, has been transferred to the Hong Kong War Supply Board, and takes over the duties of "Minister of Economic Warfare."

It may be recalled that Mr. John Whyatt, Hong Kong's well-known Crown Counsel, who was one of the Colony's delegates to the Eastern Group War Supply Conference held in Delhi, has been appointed Secretary to the Eastern Group Supply Council in Delhi.

His place in the local War Supply Board has now been filled by the appointment of Major Walker, while the latter's post has been taken over by Mr. J. B. Trevor, who will be Joint Manager and Traffic Manager.

## SIX COOLIES INJURED

SIX COOLIES HAD NARROW ESCAPES FROM DEATH YESTERDAY WHEN 100 BAGS OF RICE FELL ON THEM IN A GODOWN OF THE WING ON COMPANY, LIMITED, ALONG THE WATERFRONT AT WEST POINT.

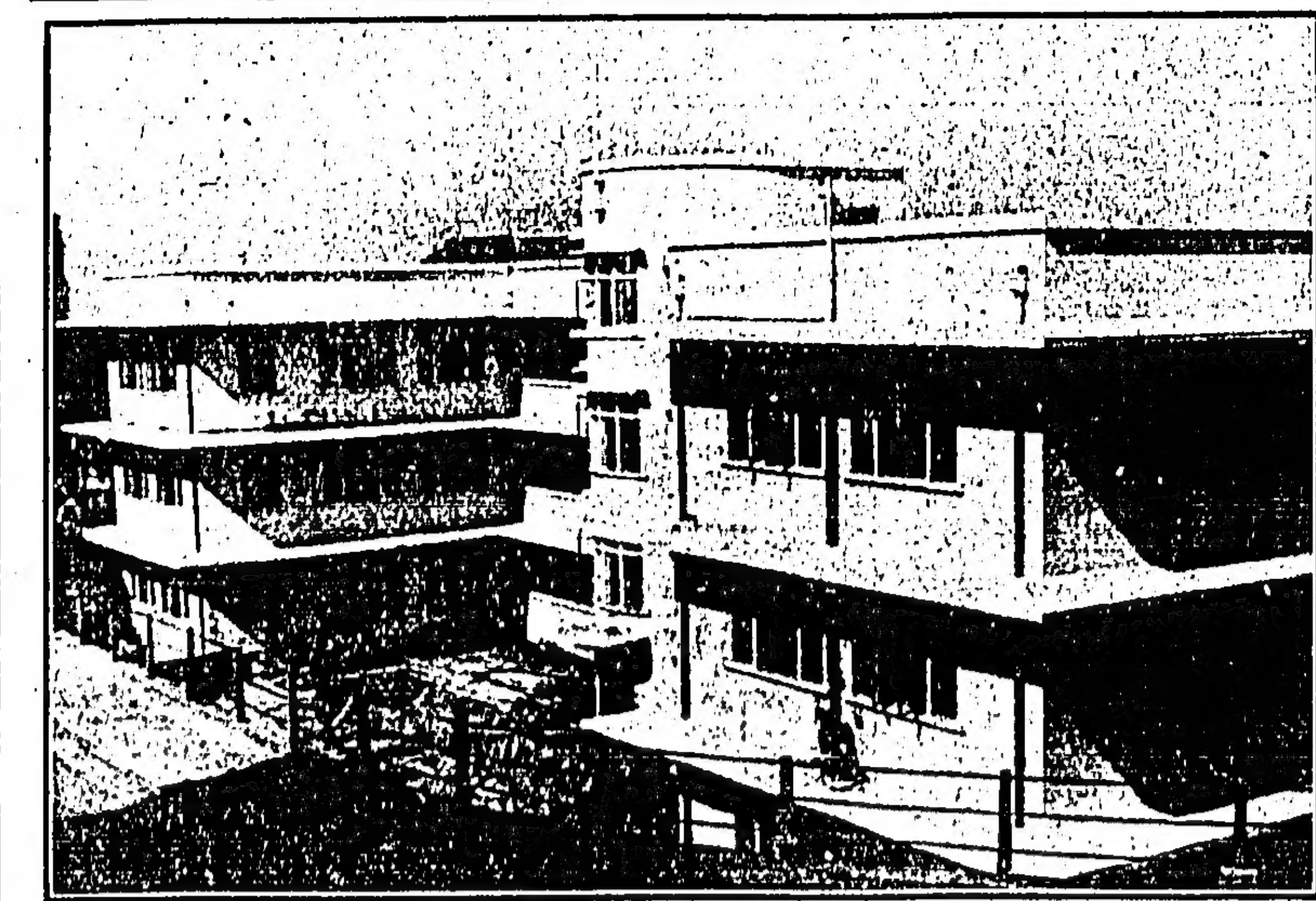
Two of the coolies sustained serious injuries to the spine and pelvis and the other four suffered fractured legs.

All six were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

## HURT IN FREAKISH ACCIDENT

While engaged in clearing a drain in Western Street yesterday a Sanitary cooler was struck on the head by a bread-carrier on the rear of a bicycle ridden by a delivery cooler. He suffered a severe cut and had to be removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

A memorial service for the late Mr. George C. Hsu will be held at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, this afternoon at 2 p.m.



The new Teachers' Training College, built in the grounds of the old G.C.H.

## MAGISTRACY THEFT SEQUEL

The theft of a watch and a wallet from the office of Mr. K. M. A. Barnett while he was engaged in Court last Monday afternoon, resulted in the appearance before Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon yesterday, of Chan, Chai-kai, alias Lewis Chan, residing at No. 6, Nanking Street.

Chan was charged with receiving a wrist-watch knowing that it had been stolen, unlawfully obtained.

No plea was taken and accused, on \$300 bail, was remanded until to-morrow.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the defence and Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston for the prosecution.

## NEW HOME FOR PUPIL TEACHERS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE COLONY'S TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE WILL MOVE INTO THEIR NEW \$300,000 THREE-STORYED BUILDING AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH.

This new building is part of Government's Ten-Year Education Plan, which envisages Government control of all English and Chinese primary and secondary schools in the Colony.

It is hoped eventually to replace untrained teachers, numbering about 350 in English and some 2,000 in Chinese grant-in-aid and private schools, with graduates from the Teachers' Training College in which they have to complete a two-year course.

The new building, situated below Honham Road to the west of the Upper Levee Police Station, will transfer there from their present premises—the former medical officers' quarters of the old Government Civil Hospital.

The college was started in September 1939 and has at present 15 student-teachers in four classes—two English and two Chinese. Ultimately there will be six classes in all with a yearly congregation day in July.

English student-teachers graduating in July this year will fill vacancies and replace temporarily employed untrained teachers.

Chinese student-teachers were given to understand when they entered the College that the authorities could not guarantee jobs for them when they completed their course. The demand for trained teachers is so great, however, that they should find no difficulty in finding employment, stated an educational expert.

Graduates of the Training College will be given first preference in the staffing of the additional schools which Government plans to start.

The College is under Mr. T. R. Rowell, Honorary Vice-President of the Education Society of the Hong Kong University, who is assisted by two full-time Chinese

lecturers, graduates of Chinese universities, and several part-time European educational specialists.

The original college scheme included hostels for the student-teachers but owing to circumstances there have been omitted for the time being and may be added later, including playing fields.

The new building is a three-story structure with a reinforced basement for A.B.T. stores. There is accommodation for a science laboratory, domestic science room, reading room, staff room, nature study room, music room, handwork art room, and a gymnasium, besides the ordinary classrooms.

All student-teachers have also to undergo a physical training course so that they may be capable to teach classes in physical training in the schools in which they are to be employed.

## TRADE IN STOLEN TRICYCLES

RECENT THEFTS OF TRICYCLES FROM WANCHAI, MONKOK AND SHAMSHUIPO WERE SOLVED BY THE POLICE LAST WEEK WHEN THREE CHINESE WERE ARRESTED AND SEVEN MA-CHINES RECOVERED.

Before Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon yesterday, Lo Chung, 20, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour; Chan Hong, 25, to four months; and Wong Wan, 36, to eight months for stealing seven tricycles.

Det.-Sgt. A. A. Shaw said that they were arrested by a Chinese detective in Shamshuiipo when one of them attempted to hide a bicycle on a piece of vacant ground in Pok Chung Hang Road. Through the arrested man, the police apprehended the other two accused. The "leader" was still at large.

"It was systematic stealing," added the Sergeant. "Accused repainted the machines for which they obtained new licences from the Traffic Office, and then sold them."

## CAR PARK THIEF ARRESTED

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Liu Mun, 38, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour, for stealing a tin of "Mac's" car cleaner belonging to Mr. J. Stenersen, manager of the American Express.

Defendant was seen removing the tin of car cleaner from Mr. Stenersen's car which was parked in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank car park on Wednesday.

## CHUNG HWA CLUB DANCE

The Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel was packed to capacity last evening when the Chung Hwa Club commemorated their second anniversary with a supper dance. The Club also took advantage of the occasion to bid farewell to their Honorary Secretary, Miss Gene Pang, who will be leaving shortly for America to join her parents.

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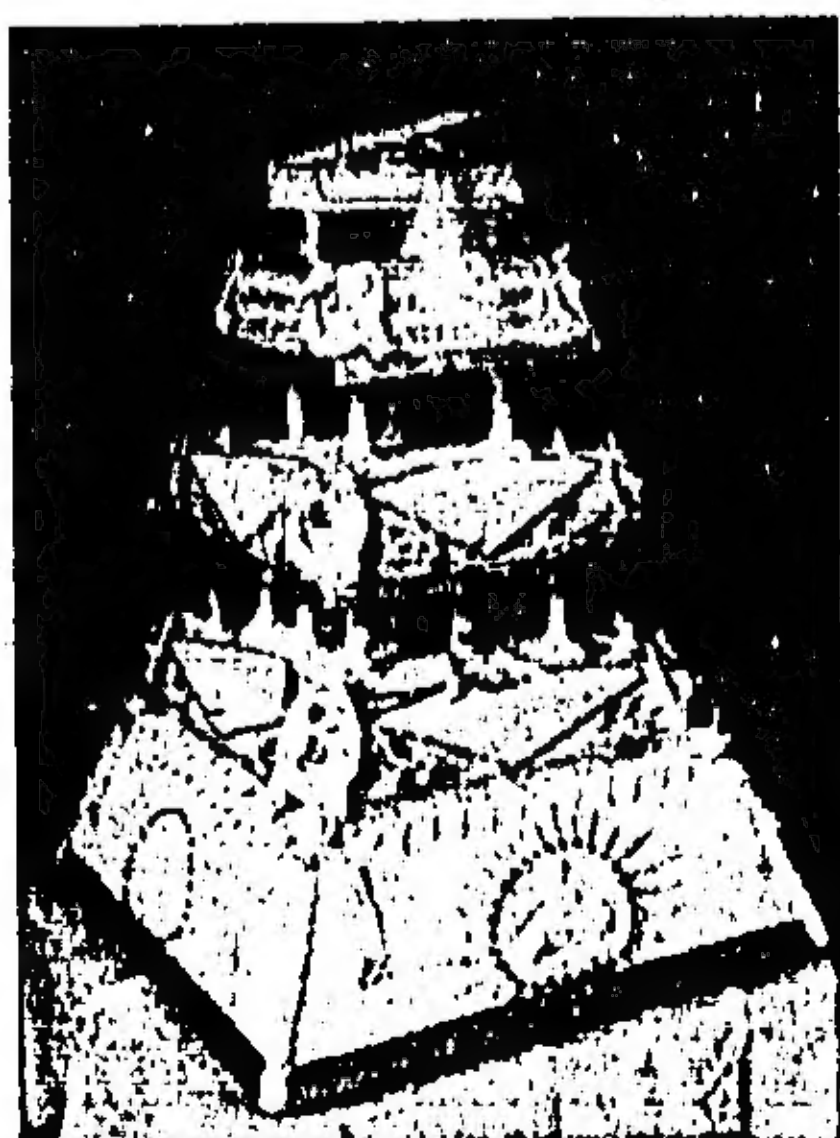
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## Cost Of Living

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In January, 1940, the official index for food and fuel alone stood at \$1.60 per head per week. By December, 1940, this index had risen to \$2.34 per head per week. In the intervening period, there had been no comparable increase in the daily earnings of the bulk of the population.

The poorer elements who form by far the largest proportion of

## NETHERLANDER STOWAWAY

A Netherlands subject, Bernard Claussen, 29, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday, with stowing away on a ship from Saigon.

Defendant was remanded for three days for further enquiries.

## BURGLAR GAOLED

Pleading guilty to breaking into the Dayaram Silk Store, No. 5, Hankow Road, and to possession of a hacksaw for an unlawful purpose, Wong Kin, 27, was sentenced to four months' hard labour, by Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon yesterday.



A black and white illustration of a woman standing and facing slightly to the left. She is wearing a dark, short-sleeved dress with a light-colored floral or leaf pattern. Her hair is styled in an updo with a flower accessory. She is holding a small, rectangular object, possibly a book or a card, in her right hand. The background is plain.

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## KENNEDY v. KENNEDY

It seemed to me, in reading Mr. Kennedy's speech in Congress that he had out-Hamletted Hamlet, for instead of posing the question "to be or not to be" he managed to make it "to be and not to be." In a word, the speech could have pleased Senator Wheeler—if he had listened to only part of it—and satisfied the President if he had heard only another part of it.

Mr. Kennedy, for instance, said: "If I am called an appeaser because I oppose the entrance of this country into this war, then I cheerfully plead guilty." This smear campaign is particularly violent against many of our citizens who want the influence of this country to be used for peace.

But Mr. Kennedy also said: "If by the word appeaser it is charged that I advocate a deal with the dictators, contrary to British desires, or that I advocate placing any trust in their (the Germans) promises, I am charged in false and malicious terms." The word of there tyrants has been shown to be worthless. They themselves proclaim that their promises are sham. It is a just point to make. It does not appear to be in the cards. To all the world he has proclaimed that he, Hitler, wages total war for a new world order. . . . where our society of justice according to law cannot even exist. . . . Nearly all the American people want to aid Britain. . . . I favour the utmost aid. . . . By helping Britain we will be securing ourselves the most precious commodity we need—time to prepare. If, and God forbid, England were to be defeated quickly and the Germans succeed to the British Navy, this country is not prepared to defend its own shores, let alone the North American Continent.

No one will seriously urge that we should give beyond the absolute minimum requirement for our own protection. Where that line is to be drawn is to be determined by the President, acting with our trained experts of the Army and Navy. They know best what we can spare. . . .

Space permits me to take only a few excerpts from Mr. Kennedy's speech in the Senate, in which Mr. Kennedy debated Mr. Kennedy.

The important thing to remember about the speech are the circumstances and, apparently, the

purpose for which it was made. Mr. Kennedy spoke in connection with the bill, now being discussed before the committee of Congress, to give the President power—to quote Mr. Kennedy, above, again—to decide where the line is to be drawn in sending aid to Britain. Mr. Kennedy said it ought to be "determined by the President, acting with our trained experts of the Army and Navy. They know best what we can spare."

To give the President that power—to unify, that is to say, the command and control of policy vis-a-vis Britain and the rest of the world—is the sole purpose of that the situation being debated. The advantages are obvious: advantages of speed, co-ordination, secrecy and integration. The disadvantages—of delay, confusion and the certain influencing of policy by organised groups in this country, including all the Fifth Columnists—are also obvious. One would think that one

If every move we make is to be subjected to all the cross-currents of Congress, debated before the whole world and delayed in the debating, we shall not do anything effective. Furthermore, the very long in passing the bill is holding up action that might be effective tomorrow and ineffective a week from now.

Yet, under the guise of presenting impartially both sides of the question, Mr. Kennedy urged that the bill should not be passed, because the situation was not yet serious enough to call for it. Although, if Mr. Kennedy's speech proved anything, whether he spoke as this or as that, it proved that the bill should not be passed, because the situation was not yet serious enough to call for it. Although, if Mr. Kennedy's speech proved anything, whether he spoke as this or as that, it proved that the bill should not be passed, because the situation was not yet serious enough to call for it.

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THIS is the Yaffle Broadcasting Service. Rumoured lightly into the mouth of your snoring neighbour, this page will guarantee sound sleep during air raids.

The attention of the Department for the Liquidation of Mental Confusion has been drawn to the statement made recently in Parliament that, among other foodstuffs, 3,000 tons of biscuits were exported from Great Britain during the previous three months.

The question has been raised: Why do we send so much food out of the country at the very time when the maintenance of our national food supply is admitted to be a matter of such extreme urgency?

The explanation, writes our Political Correspondent, lies in the latest development of the Government's traditional economic policy. Based hitherto on the principle that We Must Export or Die, it may now be summed up in the words "We Must Export or Starve."

More will be heard, further writes our Political Correspondent, of the case of the Judge who advised a conscientious objector to appeal against the decision of the Court which refused him exemption in order to secure a ruling whether a military objection could be regarded as a conscientious one.

This has caused considerable resentment in political circles, where it is regarded as emptying that politics and conscience are unrelated. A question is to be asked in the House.

Interviewed by our representative, Sir Ellis Creep, M.P. for the Midpool Division of Lincoln, said that three times result had been levelled against the elected representatives of the people, and a slur cast upon the integrity of those democratic institutions which we are now fighting to defend.

It is scandalous to suggest, he said, that political issues had no relation to moral issues, or that our legislators were not guided in all their deliberations by their sense of right or wrong.

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because it was discovered that his mother was the daughter of a naturalised Austrian. Our recommendation: that he should be sent forthwith to the Dogs was disregarded, but we are not responsible for official negligence.

Nevertheless, the Yaffle Broadcasting Service realises that it is not enough merely to say that the organisation is All-British, for that leaves unanswered the important question: What class of British?

In this matter we may justly claim to follow an honourable precedent. Readers may have noticed a recent letter in the Press relating to a young officer of the Mercantile Marine who responded to the Admiralty's broadsheet inviting such officers to apply for commissions in the Royal Navy.

This officer had brilliant qualifications, and was described in references as "one of the best seamen and navigators afloat." The first question put to him by the

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Admiralty Board of Selectors was, "And what public school did you go to, Mr. . . .?"

On his admission that he had not been to a public school, his qualifications were ignored, and he further interest was shown in his application.

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Only the week before last, one of our most gifted members, a scholar of international reputation, who had been carefully admitted on the recommendation of two bishops and a banker, was sacked at five minutes' notice because it was discovered that he had been to a secondary school.

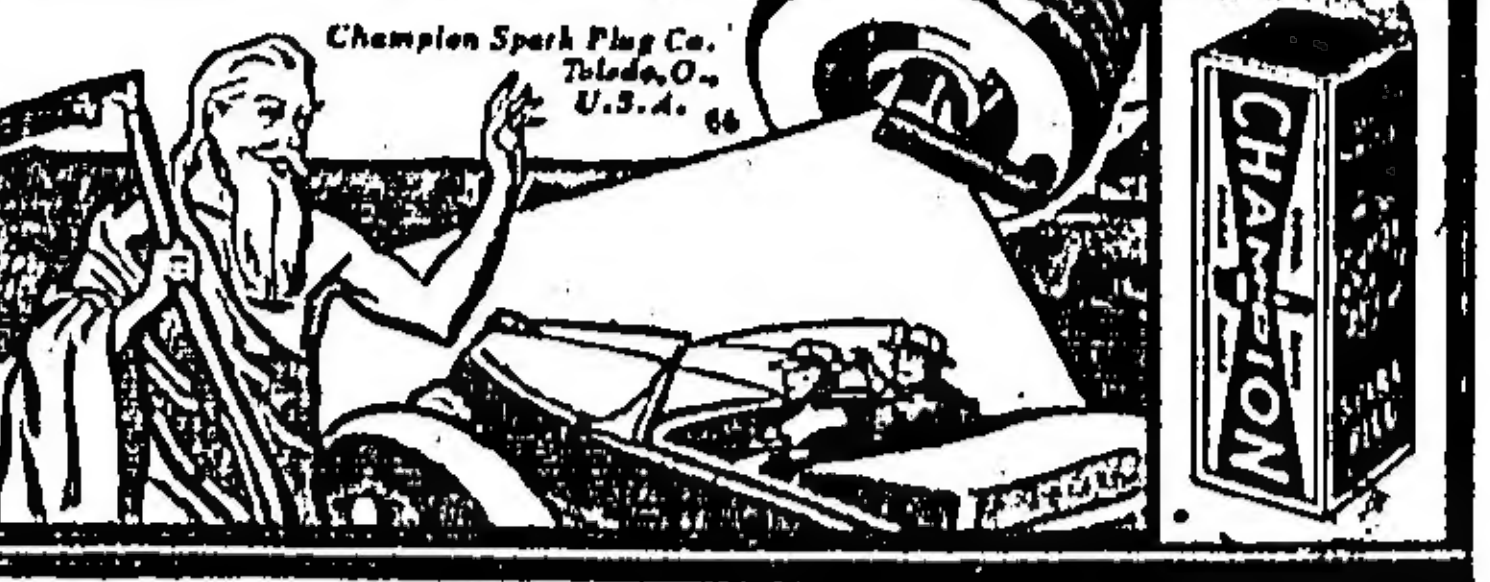
It is possible, of course, that as a result of this exclusive selection, our broadcasting service may display a certain lack of interest and intelligence, varying at times upon actual incoherence.

Should any carrying critic regard these characteristics as impediments to the efficient working of our organisation, we would reply that while engaged in the defence of our sacred democratic traditions, we are guided by standards less vulgar and commonplace than that of mere efficiency, and that what is good enough for the British Navy is good enough for us.

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### HITLER'S DOUBTS

It is interesting to observe how completely the reports of an impending portentous meeting between the so-called Big Four of Europe—Hitler, Mussolini, Petain and Franco—have been falsified by the event. No clearer warning is needed that all we hear about the consultations that actually took place, between General Franco and Il Duce and between General Franco and Marshal Petain, is guesswork.

The fact is that the busy scribes who give out stories for public consumption in Berlin, Rome, and, more subtly, in Budapest, know no more about what actually took place than commentators in London or in Hong Kong. That Axis publicists only say what they are permitted to say is no clue to the truth, for the purpose of the Axis propaganda machines is to mislead, and the mechanics in the conveyor system are as much in the dark as everybody else as to the real intentions of our Hitler and Mussolini and those who are so studiously engaged in watching the way the cat jumps.

Nothing, however, has occurred to suggest that Axis plans achieved any striking forward progress as a result of the week's interviews, or to remove the growing impression that the Axis partners are obliged to do something and do it soon. It is, at the same time, always as well to bear in mind that when they project threats in all directions—Gibraltar, Bulgaria, the Pacific, the Channel—it looks as if they are either uncertain themselves, which is a highly probable result of their numerous miscalculations, or are in the old business of spreading uncertainty.

The waiting world has as much reason to dispute Hitler's claims as he has to expect us to believe that he is merely choosing his moment and point of attack. Without discounting by a fraction the peril of Britain, of which Mr. Churchill in his encouragingly optimistic speech, did not omit to give its due emphasis, there is plenty of evidence that the enemy himself is beset by doubts, hesitations and weaknesses. The multiple threats that Hitler launches begin to look very much like the questions he is asking himself. Spain? France? Italy? The Balkans? Britain? All together? On what road to victory is the ground solid and sure?

Even in the Balkans, the outlook may not be as black as it outwardly appears. The German effort to shake off the Greek incubus by an offer of peace on terms wholly generous to Greece, could Hitler be trusted, makes odd comparison with the Nazi sabre-rattling in the Bulgarian capital and plain indications of Bulgarian shakiness under the war of nerves. Of almost equal interest is the invitation to the Yugoslavian Prime Minister to Berlin, for while it is too much to expect that bullying threats will not occupy an important phase of interviews, the journey helps to complete a picture suggesting that Hitler is desperately anxious to avoid spreading the war to the Balkans if a compromise can be reached by other means. The British effort to line up Bulgaria and Yugoslavia with Greece and Turkey against the Axis bloc would doubtless perish if Bulgaria succumbed to German threats. But there is no clear evidence that Hitler is prepared to force the issue. His tactics since the sudden collapse of Marshal Graziani in the Western Desert have suggested, rather than that the Balkans is an open road to Nazi domination, that the threat to German power via the Mediterranean is very real. Real enough to impel the German High Command to rush air fleets to Sicily, the event was an admission that this front is vulnerable.

There is much to be said for the theory that Hitler, preparing to strike, forced to strike quickly, cannot banish the question marks flickering like danger signals on his every line of march.

Britain's defence commanders, both along the coast and inland to-day hold the seemingly paradoxical view that although the invasion of Britain never has been a more difficult operation than now, it has never been a more justifiable hazard from a Nazi military viewpoint.

This opinion is based on the fact that the long-range war developments are seen as taking a trend which might compel the Germans to try to avert the consequences of them by making what is regarded as a desperate gamble now.

Until quite recently Britain had only been preparing for an offensive, warfare and fighting a difficult defensive action, against heavy odds in order to stay light long enough for the preparations to bear fruit.

But now the tide is turning. The efficiency, power, and potentialities of the Empire's new type of mechanised army has been illustrated against the Italians in a way that has impressed even the Germans, masterhands at this form of warfare.

### Britain's Growing Strength

The Empire air-training scheme is now producing a steady stream of excellent pilots for the machines emerging in ever-increasing numbers from factories in the Empire and the United States.

The naval and military building programme is being accelerated by the devotion to this purpose of shipyards and munition works in the Empire and the United States.

The employment of eight Canadian factories to produce naval guns has just been announced in Ottawa by William Drysdale, Director for Munitions.

The dramatic change in the Mediterranean situation opens up the possibility that Britain may be able to withdraw a proportion of its naval forces that have been employed so effectively against the Italians.

### Berlin Reports On Navy

From Berlin indeed comes the report that British warships with

an air escort have already tried to Gibraltar for Atlantic waters.

All these are events which cannot afford to contemplate merely as a spectator. He has got to do something about them unless he is going to let them do something very significant about him.

Formerly he may have had some doubts as to what the Empire would do and the extent to which it would be progressively backed up by the United States. Now, however, Germany has full evidence of the Empire's actual accomplishments and of America's programme as outlined by President Roosevelt. The longer Herr Hitler delays in joining the decisive issue, the bigger the task in store for him when he does.

Whatever stern fighting qualities the Italians may yet display, their performance to date has not encouraged Herr Hitler to throw the weight of Nazi interests on

By R. Maillard Stead

Premier Mussolini's and of the Axis. Victorious Germany, sprawling over nine relative occupied continental countries, now finds itself liable to be forced on to the defensive against simultaneous attacks by air, by sea, and ultimately by land. The last-named phase is the only one in which Herr Hitler is likely to feel he has the superiority at present.

### Losing Initiative

These are reasons that may lead Herr Hitler to take drastic action if he is not content to concentrate on consolidating his gains and is not prepared to forfeit the initiative he has enjoyed ever since the war started.

And the question as to which of several courses will he take produces the answers that show that none could be so directly effective on the war issue as an invasion of Britain if such a dramatic undertaking could be carried out successfully.

In fact the only possible objection to such a plan is the extreme difficulty of carrying it out successfully and that is a matter on which the German High Command is doubtless very well in-

formed, especially if—as is widely thought—they really tried to do it last September and could not take off for their pounce because the R.A.F. kept dropping bombs on their preliminary footholds on the continental coast.

### Warning On Apathy

Since then the tendency in England among the public has been to regard the possibility of an invasion as something of an exploded myth, but the Prime Minister has inveighed once more against complacency in this regard and stressed the fact that "unceasing vigilance" must be the watchword.

Mr. Churchill alluded also to what has been regarded in many quarters as the ominous inactivity of the Nazis in the air over Britain.

"It might be because of the weather but it may easily have slackened in preparation of some other form of activity."

Attempting by speculation to define these possible reasons, some students of the air situation figure it likely that Germany is completing the re-equipment of its Luftwaffe forces in France, the Low Countries, and Scandinavia with improved machines and is so to speak, "taking a breather" in bad flying weather prior to launching a fresh and intensified attack.

### Nazis' Oil Supplies

It is not overlooked by the optimists that the Nazis already may have serious need to conserve petrol and oil supplies—especially now that the Danube is freezing—and that the German difficulty in maintaining bomb supplies would seem to be a logical sequel to the persistent raids by R.A.F. on key-points of Nazi production.

One factor certainly calculated to reduce the scale of German air raids on Britain—though not to the vanishing point, one would imagine—is the R.A.F.'s recent policy of heavy raids directed specifically against Nazi air fields and which are continued not only as a raid deterrent but also as an anti-invasion measure, if prompted by the anticipation that the greatest weight of responsibility in launching such an invasion to-day must be shouldered by airborne troops.

### Battle Of Ideas:

## State Our Peace

WHEN a demand is made for a further statement of British peace aims the people who like to call themselves realists reply that our only aim is victory, and to talk of anything else is to weaken our war effort.

That seems to me very like those who declined to make adequate preparation for war for fear of hurting their plans for peace.

Depend upon it, the making of peace is at least as difficult as the making of war, and requires much thought and preparation. If we wait till victory is won we may well have to cope with an atmosphere of hysteria like that which added enormously to the difficulties of our representatives at Paris in 1919.

Some things must, no doubt, be left over till the fighting has stopped. But much may and should be the subject of careful consideration now.

The negotiations after the war will fall into two parts. We shall have first to provide for the end of war, and then for the establishment of lasting peace.

The cessation of the war is primarily the business of the actual belligerents. It will include the restoration of the independence of those countries which have been overrun or conquered by Germany and Italy either during the war or in the transactions which led up to it, from the conquest of Abyssinia to the occupation of France. Practical difficulties in the carrying out of these measures may arise, but on the principle of them we are all agreed.

It will no doubt be necessary to make provision for financial assistance to those countries, no easy matter, as we found after the last war. At all hazards, we must avoid the Reparation follies we then committed, which, in the end, did almost as much harm to the victors as to the vanquished. Other measures needed to guard

against the renewal of fighting will also be necessary, especially the immediate reduction of our enemies' armaments, if possible, on lines which can be followed for all other nations.

All this is only preliminary. It must be followed by a Conference, to be attended not only by belligerents, but by some at least of the neutrals as well. In that gathering we must lay the foundation of a real and enduring peace.

This, I suppose, is what Hitler calls a New Order. His plan is simply to make it. It may be summed up as "Germany first and the rest nowhere."

Some countries, like those which are at present in German occupation or which have the effrontery to resist her, are to be governed on the model of Poland and Czechoslovakia; others are to be treated like the proverbial poor relations.

Italy and Hungary will be allowed a place at the German board provided they never resist her wishes. Finally, there are some, like Russia and the United States, about which little is said at present. They will, no doubt, be dealt with later on.

Our New Order must be fundamentally different. It must be based on freedom.

Some form of International Federation may be necessary. Certainly an International Authority must exist. But whatever the exact form of organisation, it must be consistent with the essential liberty of all nations.

The object aimed at must first of all be the maintenance of peace. For that reason the provisions of the Treaty must commend them-

selves to the opinion of the normal man.

I do not like to say that the provisions must be just. It is difficult to say what is just when you are dealing with Governments that have plunged the world into the cruelty and destruction which is modern war.

I do not think that the Treaty of Versailles was unjust. But I am confident that some of its provisions were unwise and were disapproved by the impartial opinion of the world. On a basis of that kind you cannot construct a lasting peace.

Therefore, any territorial rearrangements that are made at the end of the war must not be penal, but practical, the kind of changes which we in this country make when we transfer a district from one county to another. The main consideration must be the advantage of the inhabitants of the district transferred, and as little attention as possible should be given to strategical, and even historical, arguments.

For like reasons, it is desirable that boundaries should not be regarded as sacrosanct, but should be capable of alteration by some peaceful procedure before a Court, or, if that is impracticable, then as the result of open discussion in an impartial atmosphere as can be managed.

Economic and Social progress are at least as important as territorial questions. No settlement will be satisfactory which does not put an end to excessive trade rivalry and tariff warfare.

Much has been attempted in these directions by the League of Nations. But its efforts were almost always frustrated by economic nationalism, based on fundamentally military reasons.

German autarky was avowedly a war measure, and so, in a wide sense, was much of the Bri-

## THIS WEEK

For no very obvious reason, the war atmosphere has suddenly undergone a subtle change. The pulse-rate, as it were, has risen sharply. There is a new and increasing sense of urgency. No single concrete fact or development stands out clearly to offer adequate explanation for the change in mood and tempo. Neither the rather cryptic alarm sounded after the Australian War Council meeting nor the training of Hitler's heaviest diplomatic guns on the Balkan area; the curious journeyings of General Franco do not account for it, nor the heavy silences in certain key centres of political interest. Feeling that "something is in the wind" has, nevertheless, taken a strong hold. It is, of course, bound up with the realisation that Hitler is now fighting against time. And with emergence of a prospect that when the blow falls, Britain may find herself heavily engaged on three fronts.

### Out Of The Blue Sky

Translation of the always tense situation into the Far East to a more acute phase was conspicuously lacking in plainly apparent cause. That is, assuming too much weight is not attached to speculation and rumour concerning the contents of documents reported found in the wreckage of Admiral Baron Osumi's ill-fated plane. In the fact of Germany's persistent efforts to persuade Japan to assume the role of cat-paw in the wider strategy of Germany's conduct of her campaign, there is something that has not been common knowledge for several weeks past. But hints that Japan's decision was set, had become as the Japanese would say immutable, and that it meant Japan's readiness to play the Axis game in the Pacific, came out of the blue.

### Another Bluff Called

How far apprehension is justified is a matter which defies logical analysis. Mr. Matsukata's truculent tone, in public speeches and private conversations, is credited with responsibility for much of the excitement. There is plentiful evidence of strenuous Japanese efforts to secure her back door by development of more amicable relations with the Soviet. A Japanese Foreign Office spokesman has been quick to deny the scare, and while the situation warrants closer attention to Japan's acts than the soft words of official underlings, the course of events permits an interpretation that another bluff has been called. If, as suggested in some quarters, the aim was to intimidate American opinion before the United States was committed to fuller aid to Britain, President Roosevelt torpedoed the manoeuvre when he expressed complete confidence in America's ability to handle all consequences of policy in the Pacific without jeopardising aid to Britain across the Atlantic.

### Full Joint Warning

Important fact is that no bridges have been crossed or boats burn-

ed. And however much Hitler may desire to divert British forces from the Middle East and Mediterranean, Japan's hands are still sufficiently tied in China to recommend extreme caution about involving the United States to bring the weight of her Navy to bear on the situation. Moreover, Japan's fingers are robbed of opportunity to plead that they were not fully warned. In part has been a well cultivated sense that clearly intimating to Japan that there are barriers it would be unwise to challenge.

### Thailand's Independence

Among more pleasing contributions to the study of Far East trends came a communique from Thailand referring to the heavy British military and air concentration along the Thailand borders with Malaya and Burma. In effect, the Thailand Government stated their full acceptance of the fact that the concentration did not constitute any threat or menace to Thailand's sovereignty. More valuable, the inference was safely to be drawn that fears of Thailand's complete subservience to Japanese pressure misconstrue the situation.

### Crisis In The Balkans

The Balkan situation awaits clarification. Nazi agents have been working vigorously on Bulgaria, the weakest link in the chain, and there may have been sufficient infiltration of German "agents" with the aim of smoothing the invasion path if forcible methods are necessary, to deprive the Bulgarian Government of a free will decision. Yugoslavia, too, finds herself under Nazi pressure, and until more reliable evidence of the strength of the Nazi concentration along the Danube is available, "neutral" reports must be accepted with reserve.

### Italians Tossed Around

In Albania, the Greek Army goes from strength to strength. General Cavallero's desperate attempts to recover the initiative have broken down at all points, at the cost of sacrificial losses. On Friday, catching the retreating Italian troops on the wrong foot, the Greeks took over 7,000 prisoners in one sharp action. From East Africa, comes much the same story. The Italians are offering stubborn resistance at Keren, but operations on the whole proceed according to plan, and evidence of lowered morale are abundant. The Vatican's move to obtain safe conduct for women and children out of the Abyssinian danger zones is the measure of the Italian estimate of their prospects.

### Aid To Britain

The Lend and Lease Bill has advanced a further important stage, having passed from the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate to the open forum without important amendment. Opposition has so far filtered that an easy majority is freely forthcoming. In giving evidence before the Commission, Mr. Wendell Willkie stressed the urgent need for more destroyers to meet the U-boat menace. Keen observers still visualise an all-out attempt to break British resistance by a combined U-boat and aerial offensive, before any attempt to embark on an invasion of Britain.

### Bombing Of Hanover

The comparative inactivity of the Luftwaffe continues to command close attention. Bad weather cannot be held entirely to account, for the R.A.F. has been able to conduct a series of devastating raids on the industrial areas of Hanover which, according to the official account, left "fires too numerous to be counted in the target area." The invasion ports, similarly, have been repeatedly and effectively bombed. Failure of Hitler to back up his speech by a further attributed ineffectiveness or to diversion of his air forces, Mr. Churchill's speech indicated that Britain is keyed up for even more formidable ordeals than the people have yet been called upon to bear.

### Franco Says "Sorry"

General Franco's trip through Southern France to Italy was wrapped in a secrecy throughout. Beneath the surface, the fundamental explanation seemed clear enough. Europe's more-betrayed Caesar, Mussolini, seeking return for past favours, could not submit his prestige to further indignity by going to Madrid to seek them, and invited Franco to Italy. Petain entered into the picture only so far as he was, naturally, extremely anxious to know how long and effectively he could stall Hitler could continue. Indications are that General Franco could offer Il Duce nothing more useful than his good wishes, leaving Marshal Petain strengthened in his stand against the pressure and guile of Hitler and Goebbels. The last thing Hitler seeks in France is to drive Marshal Petain to a point which might promote national resistance, and the Marshal does not understate the strength of his position.

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About one thousand heavy trucks are engaged in the transportation of supplies, which are stated to include heavy artillery, bombers, anti-tank guns, and ammunition.

The reports add that large shipments of military planes and hundreds of newly trained young Chinese pilots have been ordered by the Chinese Government to proceed to China at once from the Philippines. (Reuter.)

Mr. A. V. ALEXANDER, First Lord of the Admiralty, opening Bath War Weapons Week, said: "We have now been in the conflict about a year and a half and every day we prove that victory in this war depends among other things on three particular efforts."

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Of the gallantry and skill of our fighting forces there can now be no doubt in the minds of anyone in the world, whether we look at the countless struggle of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy by day and by night, or whether we consider the superb courage and high technical flying skill of our pilots who defeated the enemy last year in three of the greatest battles of history, or whether we turn to the achievements of the Army, both in its orderly and determined stand in France, or its brilliant victories in Egypt, Libya and East Africa—the story is one and the same.

#### Resurgence of Faith

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The task of clearing up London of debris and damage caused by explosive and fire bombs is under the direction of Major General G.B.O. Taylor, Inspector of Fortifications and Director of Bomb Disposal, who now has a large and increasing number of troops under his command. While the Pioneers do the comparatively unskilled work, units of the Royal Engineers undertake the more specialised jobs such as repairing bridges, mending water and other mains, sawing through girders and organising street communications. Photo shows a Royal Engineer wheeling earth and clay from a bomb crater for the repairing of a smashed sewer.—(Copyright, Fox.)

## PILOT'S 6-HOUR SWIM AFTER BALING OUT

THE STORY of a fight for his life by a young pilot who, after baling out, swam for six and a quarter hours, covering seven miles, was among many heard in a factory canteen yesterday by 1,500 men and women engaged in making bomber planes.

The pilot, aged 26, was before the war settling down in the City of London as a Lloyds' underwriter.

reconstruction after the war. General expression of our ideals of freedom must be found to be fulfilled in the true freedom and social security of our own people. THE MISTAKES OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD MUST NOT BE REPEATED. CUSTOMS, PRIVILEGES AND SOCIAL ANOMALIES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE USE OF OUR POWER TO CREATE A BETTER BRITAIN. TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT PURPOSE VICTORY IS THE KEY.—BRITISH WIRELESS.

He told how while making the night raid he ran into a bad storm. "For a few seconds we were completely out of control, losing height at the rate of 2,000 feet a minute though the nose of the machine was up. Because of the thickness of the ice on the windscreen we were flying blind. We turned for home and soon the port engine packed up. We tried the de-icers without effect. The rear gunner then reported the port engine on fire. The rear of his turret was not loaded over, however, and he could see two searchlights and two red beacons which meant the coast. At this moment the other engine conked out. We were flying at about 7,000 feet. The captain decided we would get over the coast and jump. At 4,000 feet the captain ordered me to leave. Going down I could see searchlights about six or seven miles away. Then I realised I was dropping into the sea.

#### Parachute Plane!

I must have gone down to a pretty good depth. I came up with a rush. My parachute dragged me along at terrific speed and I practically landed across the water.

I jettisoned parachute and boots and began to swim. I almost gave up twice, had very bad cramp and was sick a few times. I kept on swimming until dawn when I saw I was about three quarters of a mile from the coast. I took off my trousers and made a last effort. I was too weak to pull myself out of the water and was rolling about half in and half out of the sea. Some soldiers rushed up and slipped me for fully five minutes. A 19½-year-old D.F.C. pilot told how, in one of the machines his hearers had made, he had raided Germany and Italy 32 times.—British Wireless.

best to convince the world that that policy is to be the friend of all and the enemy of none.

The "Thai Asir" says that at the present time, with the crisis in relations between Japan on the one hand and Britain and America on the other, we cannot know against whom border precautions are taken! England probably feels uneasy because Japan has offered to mediate in the Franco-Thai border dispute. — Reuter.

## JAPAN'S PLANS IN ASIA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, declared in London yesterday that Japan is planning eventually to strike at the Philippines and Australia as well as Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies.

Mr. Quo said Japan's first major move will coincide with a German coup in Europe and added that meanwhile Japan will try to maintain her grip on China.

This, he said, she will be unable to do since her military strength there will be weakened by the need to send Japanese divisions to other fronts. — International News Service.

## LOSSES IN THE AIR

That the German people are awakening to the fact of the damage done to the German Air Force is indicated from Berlin.

In order to allay these fears the German radio announced that since Sunday last, British losses in the air over Germany amounted to 38 planes—while the Italian, adopting the same technique with regard to British raids over Italian territory and in the Mediterranean area, claim to have shot down 50 planes since Sunday.

A communique issued in London, however, refutes these statements and says that losses over German territory and German-occupied ports since Sunday totalled 13 planes and losses in the Mediterranean totalled only 4 planes. — British Wireless.



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## THAILAND REPUDIATES TIE-UP WITH JAPAN

DAILY NEWSPAPERS in Thailand yesterday made a feature of the communique referring to the concentration of British forces on the Thailand border.

In editorial comments, stressing Thailand's firm belief that Britain would never violate Thai territory, though she had rushed reinforcements to the Malaya border, the view is expressed that Thai will remain neutral in all developments.

The "Thai Ser" says there should be no anxiety on our part because of these reinforcements.

"Although England is a great power, she has always sympathized with Thailand. England intervened when France oppressed Thailand in the past and came to the verge of declaring war with France. Thailand must not misinterpret any defence measures England takes on the Thai-Malaya border, particularly during the present crisis.

The Anglo-Thai non-aggression pact, says the paper, has strengthened the traditional friendship of the two countries. We must be confident that England would never violate Thai sovereignty. England is a coun-

#### That's Position

The newspaper "Subabharu" points out that although Thailand has accepted Japanese mediation in the Indo-China dispute, it should not be understood that Thailand has joined Japan or that Japan is drawing Thailand to her side and that Thailand will become antagonistic to any other Power.

Some seemed to believe that Thailand would join Japan against England because Thailand had accepted Japanese mediation. The Thai Government, on several occasions has emphasised that Thailand will remain neutral.



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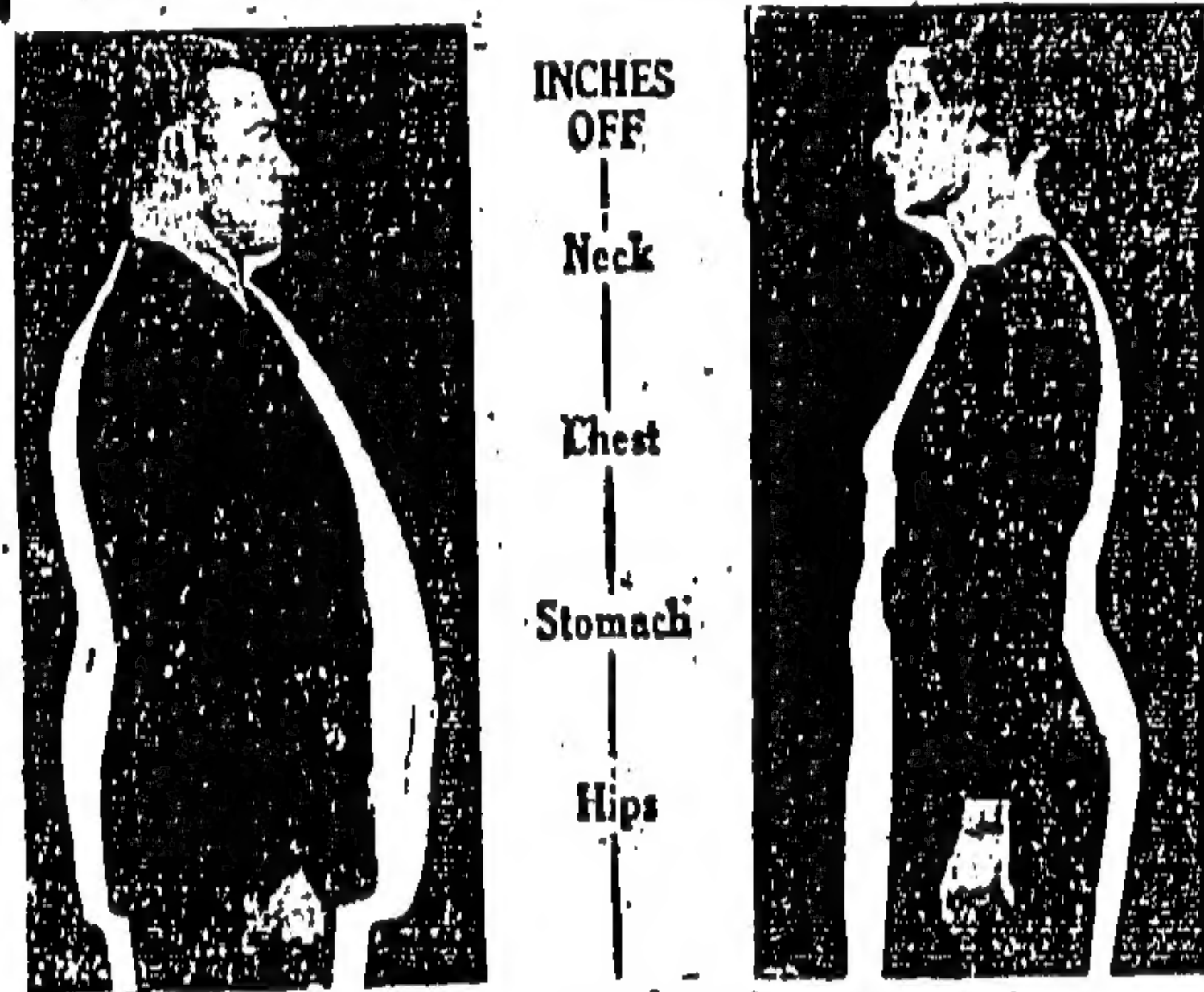
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## CONCLUDING THE THRILLER

"I don't suppose she did," Wilson agreed. "But it must have been very quick work, mustn't it? However, I quite agree that the next thing to look at is the will, and I'm hoping Mr. Neelwit will turn up to-morrow and provide us with some useful information. I must confess, I don't quite like the idea of Emily Battle as a suspect. For one thing, her feet are much too big, and anyway it's not really likely to have been a woman. The shoes were pretty certainly a man's."

But Mr. Neelwit, when he came, provided no helpful information at all. He confirmed the existence of the new will, and stated that he had received an urgent letter from Mrs. Wansberbeck, on the morning of her death, demanding that he should wait on her that afternoon with a new will, on lines which she laid down for him, all ready for her to sign. He duly came, and was admitted by Mrs. Wansberbeck herself (which explained why Emily had not mentioned it) and then there she signed the will, giving as the reason for her haste, that her nephew was coming to see her that evening, and she wanted to have a nice surprise for him. She had then given back the will, which Mr. Neelwit now produced, and Wilson eagerly opened it, to lay it down with a gasp of disgust. For the bulk—indeed, almost the whole—of Mrs. Wansberbeck's considerable fortune was indeed in so many words devised to the Royal Victoria Cats Home, in Alham. If Mr. Neelwit had been a lawyer of the greatest correctness he would have been hard put to it not to laugh at Wilson's face.

It was comic, perhaps; but it was also extremely annoying. For there was nothing in that will from end to end to suggest a motive for murder. There was fifty pounds (not five) to Franklin Stanhope; but fifty pounds would have been a drop in the bucket of his liabilities. There were a few, a very few, odd legacies, mostly to institutions; and to Emily Battle there was another fifty pounds, the furniture, and the remainder of the lease of Mrs. Wansberbeck's flat. ("That's

about four months," the lawyer interjected. "She had it on a six-monthly tenancy.") Otherwise there was nothing—nothing whatever to show who was the little man who had stood concealed in Mrs. Wansberbeck's cupboard, and why he should have wanted to murder Mrs. Wansberbeck. "You saw the will signed your-

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right down at the back of the wardrobe, where you people said 'was' 'idling, and where no man's handkerchief ought to be and that I do know!"

"Most probably Mr. Stanhope's," said Wilson, glancing at it with-out much interest. "That it never," Mr. Franklin never "ad one o' them loordooral

things like this. Silk's the cheap-est that's good enough for me lord. "However, if you don't want it you needn't. I just thought you cop-pers might be able to find out oos it was."

"We'll try, anyway," Wilson said. "I see there's a laundry mark on it."

"And a faded kind of initial," Emily said. "Anyhow, thank you very much for bringing it along; and I trust

we may get something out of it. Good-morning, Mrs. Battle."

Without much hope, Wilson set the machinery of Scotland Yard in motion to trace the dirty handkerchief. Once before, he knew, a murderer had been tracked down through a laundry mark; but that was probably a fluke. However, when, ten days later, some information came in, after one porous, so lifted his head like a dog snuffing a trail, and sent for Whitaker's Almanack. For a few moments he searched it, and then took up his hat and went

Then some exercises. Rest your right forearm on the table, palm downwards, fingers and thumb spread out to the edge. With your left rotate each finger in large circles seven times towards the right, and seven towards the left. Include the thumb in this drill.

If the joints crack with these movements, there may be rheumatism, which should be corrected with correct diet and hot fomentations.

When all the fingers on the right hand have been drilled, manipulate the left hand in the same way.

Another exercise is done with the right hand in the same position, the left hand placed over it, palm downwards. Each finger is forced slowly to bend into its own palm, and is then drawn back until the nail is left down the palm to the wrist. Treat all fingers and thumb in the same way, then repeat with the other hand.

Hands that are inclined to be dry and thick jointed, should be treated so that they regain supple movement and have their natural oil restored.

After washing and drying well, rest the elbows on a table and with the wrist loose, flap the hands merrily with the palms facing inwards and outwards alternately, until the wrists and fingers vibrate with the exercise.

After this exercise smother the knuckle joints and backs of the hands with a good cold cream. Take each finger between the thumb and first two fingers and pinch it briskly, shaking it from tip to base, and moulding the joints with a circular motion.

When massaging the palms and backs of the hands, place the opposite thumb in the palm and the four fingers on the back (and vice versa) and use a pinching circular pressure, as if to force the fingers through the palm.

Continue to massage until the cream has been absorbed, finish with a warm wash and rinse in cold water and eau-de-Cologne.

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Care of the hands at home can be an absorbing interest and with a little knowledge of anatomy and an appreciation of the beauty and mystery of well kept hands, any woman can express eloquently some agreeable trait in her personality. For beautiful hand movements denote a high intelligence in touch.

Whether the hand is broad and practical or slim and dainty, its structure is the same. It is founded on eight closely packed carpal bones connecting the palm with the wrist.

From this the five metacarpal bones spread to the knuckles, where they are joined by the phalanges to form fingers and thumb.

The metacarpal bones are linked with ligaments, muscle, tendons and fibrous tissue to keep them firm.

Each finger has three phalanges, which gives it beauty of movement.

A woman who uses her hands in housework, at an office or studio, must cream them frequently before washing carefully in lukewarm water, with a good complexion soap, and softened with a few drops of eau-de-Cologne.

Do a little massage in the wash basin. Always work towards the tips of the fingers, pinching the tips to slender them, continuing the movement towards the palms and wrists. Knead palms and thumbs to improve the circulation. Cleanse and loosen round the cuticles of the nails. But never push the cuticle back or damage it in any way.

When you've had a warm bath, dip your hands in cold water diluted with rosewater and dry them thoroughly in a soft towel. You can counteract the loss of natural oils by rubbing in a little perfumed non-greasy lotion.

In cold weather, rub the hands with cold cream after each washing and twice a week massage them well with a good skin food. Lotions and creams do not in themselves restore a youthful look to the hands, but with daily

If your joints are supple your fingers will curve a little backwards. Indifferent health and acidity often impede the free movements of the finger joints.

The thumb is the most independent member of the hand group. It is nimble and springs separately from the palm. Its metacarpal is so arranged that it conditions much of the activity of the four fingers. It takes the greater portion of nerve strain of the hand, and in consequence is generally the first joint to suffer from twinges of rheumatism or kindred ailments.

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All hands have individuality of touch and character, and all types improve by home care.

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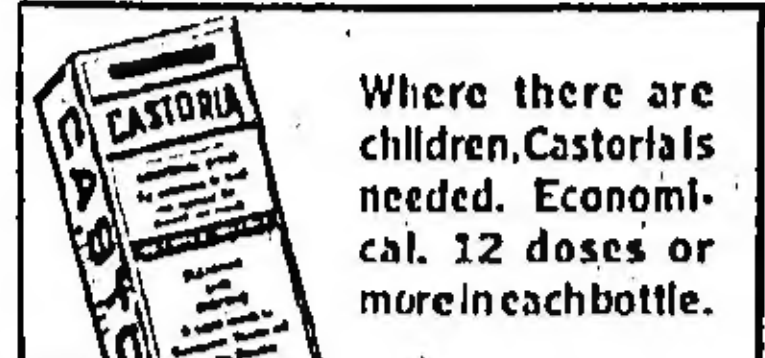
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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to—

FIRST DAY—Monday, 17th February.

SECOND DAY—Tuesday, 18th February.

THIRD DAY—Wednesday, 19th February.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, 22nd February.

FIFTH DAY—Saturday, 1st March.

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on MONDAY, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they must wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$100 per day, including tax—\$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$50.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Ties, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES**  
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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## ANNUAL RACE MEETING HELD UP FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

## ONLY FIVE SOFTBALL ENCOUNTERS

By "Grandstand"

In the absence of most of the players, who are away on Volunteer Camp training, the Softball League schedule has been curtailed and only five games are on the card for to-day.

At Kowloon Football Club Baby Panthers clash with Canadian Chinese at 12.30 p.m. in the only game of any interest in the ladies' triple bill. The Maple Leafs should be able to take this game on general all-round superiority.

The only asset the Panthers can lay claim to is their adeptness at sneaking bases, and this is where Canuckettes coach Bill Woo's worries begin once they get on.

Mary Ng will start on the slab for the Canuckettes with teammate Dot Louie behind the bat, whilst Lella Xavier will be given the pitching assignment for the Panthers, with Theresa Marques catching. Coach Gusso Noronha has finally decided to place Theresa Marques at her old position for this important game.

Marques, it will be recalled, split her hand some time ago, and has been seen in the left-field position since then.

Panther line-up will be Celeste Marques, first-base; Theima "Peanut" Marques, second; and Regina Xavier at the hot-corner. Alice Mendonca will be plugging up the short-stop gap.

Umpires for this game will be Tommy Chan, Stan Leonard and A. R. Kitchell.

At 9.30 a.m. Cardinals tangle with Little Flowers, with Nip Lum, Cico Marques and Al Louie officiating. In the other ladies' fixture Wildcats take on Chung Hwa at 11 a.m.

## Canucks Still Alive

In the Senior League, Chinese Baseballers are down to meet Canadian Chinese in place of the postponed St. Joseph's v Indian and C.B.C. v Cyclones tilts.

Although the Canucks are at present the League floor-mat, they have been recently showing a good brand of offensive ball and may just create an upset by taking ABC's Chinese Baseballers.

Denham Cray will start on the hill for the Chinese, whilst Horrie Quon will be the Canuck mound. Arbitrators for this game will be Mike Mendonca, Harry Campos and Charlie Figureido.

In the other Senior League game Recreio Aces cross bats with Filipinos, and in view of the fact that neither side has much to expect much opposition from the 1st Division will probably be called on to make up the team.

Umpires will be Nip Lum, Bill Woo and A. M. Chan.

Games have been arranged for the Junior and Inter-Hong Leagues.

## 2 HOCKEY MATCHES

Owing to Volunteer Camps and other reasons, only two matches in the Hockey Association Tournament will be played to-day.

Following is the programme and referees:

2/M.T.B. v Royal Engineers (King's Park, 10.30 a.m.) (Bevan and J. Tomlinson)  
Police "B" v University (Boundary St., 4 p.m.) (V. M. Benwell and V. Wetherby)

Following are the matches postponed—Police "A" v Punjab; C.B.A. v Signals; Recreio v Khalsi; Nomads v 5th A.A. "A"; and Destroyers v 5th A.A. "B".

## ARMY GAME

A good game is expected at Shamshuipo this morning in the Large Units League, Middlesex Regiment, who have just challenged the Army (British Tanks) to a match, being opposed to 2/14 Punjab Regiment, bully-off 10.30.

## C.B.A. MACAO HOCKEY VISIT

Central British Association will leave the Colony for Macao this morning to play two hockey matches against teams, not yet nominated, under the direction of Macao Hockey Association.

The games will be played at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and the C.B.A. team will sail for Hong Kong the same evening.

The following will represent C.B.A.—Lockhart; Bond and D. Taylor; Parsons, N. Whitley and G. Analle; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, E. Kennedy and A. M. Odell.

## MACAO HOCKEY TEAM DUE HERE NEXT WEEK

Some interesting hockey should be seen over next week-end, when Macao Hockey Club will send a team to the Colony for a series of two matches against local clubs.

## HUSSAIN'S DISTINCTION

MR. K. HUSSAIN HAS BEEN SPECIALLY ASKED FOR BY MACAO HOCKEY CLUB IN THEIR LETTER TO HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CONFIRMING THE DATE OF THE INTERPORT AS MARCH 16 TO OFFICIATE AS AN UMPIRE IN THE BIG GAME.

He has therefore been nominated by Hong Kong to accompany the team to the Portuguese colony next month.

This will be the fifth occasion that he has acted in this capacity, the others being 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940. Mr. Hussain has also been Hon. Secretary of the Hockey Umpires' Board and Hockey Umpires' Association since 1936, but it is understood that his long duties will prevent him from officiating next season.

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## Revised Programme Announced

YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RACING UNTIL MONDAY, WEATHER AGAIN PERMITTING, MARKED THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACE MEETING DID NOT COMMENCE AS SCHEDULED.

Extra Meetings have been postponed due to rain, but the Annual Meeting, despite heavy rain, had always been concluded according to plan.

Heavy rain overnight left the Valley almost under water yesterday morning, and the Club's wise decision to postpone the opening day was probably prompted by the fact that this year's new ponies—mostly Australian—are very much more delicate than their predecessors—China griffins and China subscription griffins—and in fairness to the owners a waterlogged track was to be avoided if at all possible.

The new arrangements are:

1st Day—Tomorrow, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Malden & Trial Plate).

2nd Day—Tuesday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Derby Day).

3rd Day—Wednesday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Big Sweep Day).

4th Day—Saturday, first saddling bell 11 a.m. (Champions Day).

5th Day—Saturday, March 1, first saddling bell 1.30 p.m. (Australian Subs. Champions).

1st Extra—Saturday, March 8, first saddling bell 1.30 p.m.

Race No. 7 SAPPER

Race No. 8 FAR VIEW

Race No. 9 MARSH WARBLER

Race No. 10 NINE PRINCE

Race No. 11 PRINCE OF PLEASURE

Race No. 12 CRIFEL

Race No. 13 SPRINGHURST

Race No. 14 ENDAVOUR

Race No. 15 MAHATTAN

Race No. 16 NEWBORN STAR

Race No. 17 OUTSIDER—Strathbyn.

Race No. 18 DAILY DOUBLE—SAPPER AND VITAMIN M.

Race No. 19 TO-DAY'S BOWLS

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## YACHTING RESULTS

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's 1st Spring Series over 7.85 miles yesterday resulted as follows:

Yacht Corrected Pos. Points To Date

True Blue ... 10.07 5 1 143

Redshank ... 10.07.43 2 85

La Linda ... 10.08.38 3 150

Artemis ... 10.09.32 4 172

Maureen ... 10.09.37 5 133

Joss ... 10.11.15 6 104

Painted Lady 10.11.21 7 87

Jean ... 10.13.07 8 76

Petrel ... 10.13.11 9 82

Arki ... 10.14.54 10 3

Gull ... 10.19.53 11 184

"D" Coy. R. Scouts 4 R.A.C. and R.A.F.

22nd Coy. R.E. 3 R.A.S.C. 0

1st Mtn. Bty. 1 H.Q. Coy. 0

H.K.S.R.A. 1 R. Scouts 0

30th Heavy Bty. H.K.S.R.A. w. o. from 1st Mtn. Bty. R.A. w. o. from "A" Coy. Mx. 2nd Mtn. Bty. 4 R. Scouts 0

24th Heavy Bty. R.A. 1 "B" Coy. Mx. 0

H.Q. Coy. Mx. bye into 2nd Round.

30th Heavy Bty. R.A. 1 R.A.F. 0

40th Coy. R.E. 3 4th Mtd. Bty. 0

22nd Coy. R.E. 2 "D" Coy. 0

30th Heavy Bty. 1 R. Scouts 0

18th A.A. Bty. 2nd Mtn. Bty. 0

Bty. R.A. 0 H.K.S.R.A. 0

H.Q. Coy. Mx. 0 24th

# SMALL UNITS SPORTS

THE COMMAND CROSS COUNTRY EVENT, WHICH IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, WILL BE NOTABLE FOR THE FACT THAT THE COMBINED SMALL UNITS ARE ENTERING A REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Their committee—Cpl. Morgan (R.A.S.C.), Cpl. Evans (R.A.O.C.), Cpl. Anderson (R.A.M.C.) L/Cpl. Taylor (C.M.P.), Cpl. Truscott (R.C.S.) and Cpl. Palmer (R.A.F.)—are being enthusiastically ahead with the training programme, in spite of the scattered distribution of units and the difficulties encountered through duties, and the selection of a team to run against the Middlesex Regt. a week to-morrow.

This run will commence at 3.30 p.m. and will be of five to six miles in the direction of Chatham Road, King's Park, and return.

## First Meeting

Small Units have a very good run in the Singaporean Levels of Royal Corps of Signals, who finished second in the Colony Marathon and who is a certainty for a place in their team, while other units have hinted at possessing several "dark horses."

Combined Small Units are also entering a team for the Command Athletic meeting in April, and, in order to further the selection of a representative team, they are, for the first time, holding a Small Units Athletic Meeting at Chatham Road on March 17, 18 and 19.

This should bring forth quite a display of talent and afford the Army selectors an opportunity of forming some opinion as to the composition of their team for the match against the Chinese, who have accepted Army's challenge to a contest in May.

## REFEREES MUST BE PROTECTED

Complaints have been received by Hong Kong Football Association from referees to the effect that they have been hit by mud or missiles thrown by spectators after a game.

The matter was discussed at the Emergency Meeting of the Association on Friday, when it was decided to draw the attention of the public to this state of affairs and to stress the need for players and officials attending at all times the referee such protection as he needs.

The Association is also prepared to give legal assistance to the referee against any person caught throwing missiles at him.

## WEEK'S BADMINTON FIXTURES

Following are the week's League Badminton fixtures:—

TO-MORROW "A" DIVISION  
University "A" v. Recreation "B" Division  
J. R. C. v. Recreation  
St. Andrew's v. St. John's  
Kowloon Tong v. Police

## GOLFER LEAVING

W. M. Groves, Kowloon Golf Club player, is leaving for New Zealand shortly on furlough.

# MIDDLESEX BEAT SING TAO: WIN BY ODD GOAL

AVENGING THEIR DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF SING TAO IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SENIOR SHIELD, MIDDLESEX SECURED A 2-1 VICTORY OVER THE ERSTWHILE LEAGUE FAVOURITES IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL LEAGUE ENCOUNTER ON THE CLUB GROUND YESTERDAY. ESTABLISHING A 1-0 LEAD BEFORE THE INTERVAL, THE DIHARDS WERE TWO UP WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE RESUMPTION. SING TAO REDUCED THEIR ARREARS IN THE LATER STAGES.

## Soldiers Force Pace Throughout

Middlesex, who adapted themselves better to the ground conditions, forced the pace throughout, especially in the first half. After a promising start, the Chinese forwards were subdued by a strong, hard-tackling back division who kept their forwards on the move with long, effective clearances.

Unable to settle down to their customary game of intricate short-passing, the Chinese tried to swing the ball about, a policy that would have shown results but for the coolness of the Regiment's defence. They made few mistakes, manoeuvring well on a slippery ground and meeting a greasy ball with solid kicks. The Dihards' forwards gave one of their best displays this season, showing greater thrust and finishing their movements in better style.

Bright contributed in no small degree to the superiority the Middlesex backs gained over the Chinese attack. The tall centre-half positioned himself with skill, and with his fine tackling and head-work broke up attacks after attack long before the Chinese could get near goal. Solid in defence and forceful in backing up his forwards, Bright practically dominated the centre of the field. He was well covered by the full-backs, Freshwater and Sheehan, both of whom were cool throughout, and made few mistakes in their clearances. As a result of their work Kwok Ying-kee and his inside men were kept well out of the picture, being seen only in occasional raids, and then their movements were seldom allowed to reach the penalty area.

## Fail To Settle Down

Against the solid defence thus set up, the Sing Tao forwards had a gruelling time. Upset by the Dihards' first-time methods, they never really settled down. Both Fung King-cheng and Lui Shui-wing produced some clever individual moves, but their efforts got them nowhere, for their through passes to Kwok Ying-kee were well covered, and their attempts to get their wings moving, generally came to naught, as neither Young Shui-yick nor Ip Pak-wah broke through with any consistency. In the second half Sing Tao, in a scoring position when he drew Jackson out of goal and sent the ball across an open goalmouth. Kwok Ying-kee, who netted Sing Tao's only goal, was seldom in the picture until his scoring effort, though once, early in the second half, he was placed in a scoring position by Young Shui-yick, only for Jackson to take the ball off his feet almost on the goal-line.

The Middlesex attack worked well in unison, and with the backs keeping them well-fed with passes, gave the Chinese defence a worrying time. Siu and Pearson, in the inside positions, were again the schemers of many fruitful moves, the latter especially having seemingly little difficulty in worming his way through towards goal. His goal, the first of the game, was a snap effort from a corner that Cheong Wing-choy never saw. Both in-

when they were not always sure in their clearances. Leung Wing-chui played a hard game in the pivotal berth, but was unable to stop the Middlesex.

After a promising start Sing Tao were held well in check, and Middlesex were rewarded for continued pressure when Pearson scored from a corner by Marable, to enable the Dihards to cross over with the score 1-0 in their favour. Coomer sent Middlesex further ahead shortly after the resumption with a drive from close in, but shortly afterwards, Kwok Ying-kee broke through to score from a goalless opening half.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi; Han Yung-sang; Mok Shui-shan; Tai Ah-fai; Leung Wing-chui; Sooh Lin-shun; Young Shui-yick; Fung King-cheng; Kwok Ying-kee; Lui Shui-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

MIDDLESEX—Jackson; Freshwater; Sheehan; Failer; Siu, Pearson; Coomer; Pearson; Riches, Saw and Marable.

## SECOND DIVISION

### NICHOLL SHOWS GREAT FORM R.A.O.C. 3 R. Navy 1

Ordinance recorded a well-merited victory over the Navy at Caroline Hill by 3 goals to 1 after a goalless opening half. Despite fielding well-seasoned campaigners such as Hendy, O'Leary, Britt, Croft and Breece, who have all played for the first team, Navy were beaten by a much better side who played well-directed football, despite the slippery state of the ground, and at no period in the game were Ordinance in danger of being beaten.

Nicholl was undoubtedly the outstanding player of the field, being in the thick of every Navy attack, where, with deft touches, he relieved pressure to place the Ordinance forwards in the ascendency. He had a complete understanding with Emberson on the right-wing, their inter-passing being delightful to watch.

Had the inside forwards taken the chances presented by the winger the score would have been much more convincing as it was their error and not Ordinance's that was the cause of the narrow result.

## WEAK SHOOTING

Navy, however, had a fair share of the game and, had they made full use of their passes from open play, they would have had a number of goals. At times their passing was faulty, and none of the forwards were in shooting form. Hendy in particular being very subdued and playing too far back to trouble Reynolds with any shot.

Rutter showed splendid form in the Navy goal, gathering the greasy ball well and remaining exceptionally cool under sustained pressure. He was repeatedly tested with hard drives from close range and earned applause by his skillful smothering of the ball when all appeared lost. He showed up to advantage when the Ordinance forwards were right on his case, and on one occasion did remarkably well to save from Emberson from very close range.

Rutter was not covered by a steady pair of backs. Only O'Leary kicked to any advantage, whilst in the later stages of the

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION		Goals	
Sing Tao	1	Middlesex	2
Kwok Ying-kee	1	Coomer	1

SECOND DIVISION		Goals	
R.A.O.C.	3	Royal Navy	1
Stephens	1	Barber	1
Fletcher	1	Harland	1

## LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION									
	Goals								
	R. W.	D. L.	R. A.	Pts.					
Sing Tao	19	13	3	48	22	29			
S. China	17	13	2	50	20	29			
Eastern	17	12	3	26	27	27			
Middlesex	17	9	2	6	35	30			
Kowloon	10	5	4	6	28	14			
Police	10	0	1	9	27	33			
K w o n g									
Wah	16	4	4	8	40	12			
R. Navy	16	3	5	8	43	11			
R. Scots	16	4	4	9	29	41			
Club	13	3	1	9	26	40			
St. Joseph's	12	3	12	18	46	7			
Totals									
	178	74	30	74	388	385	178		

SECOND DIVISION				Goals	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A. Pts.
R.E. ....	19	18	3	1	79 21 33
R.A.S.C. ....	20	15	2	3	90 29 33
Sing Tao ..	18	12	3	3	55 23 27
S. China ..	19	10	5	4	72 25 25
Middlesex ..	11	11	3	5	59 36 25
R. Scots ..	20	10	2	8	40 30 22
R. Navy ..	20	9	2	9	45 48 20
30th R.A. ..	20	8	4	8	48 52 20
Kit. Chao ..	18	7	3	8	35 49 17

K w o n g									
Wah	18	6	3	9	30	47	1		
R.A.O.C.	20	5	3	12	29	40	1		
Police	19	4	1	14	28	72			
Club	19	2	1	16	19	91			
Kowloon	17	0	3	14	18	84			
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Total	266	114	38	114	652	652	26		

Totals 260 114 38 114 652 652 260

game he could be found assisting the forwards in their efforts to reduce the margin. Britt, who generally succeeds in his tackles, had a very trying time against Emberson, who was far too speedy for him and he could not prevent the winger from inflicting many dangerous movements. Croft played a good game, but rarely placed his passes accurately, whilst Layhe was always in trouble against the wiles of Duffield.

Navy forwards did not impress in any way, only Barber and Murrin appeared to settle down to the difficult conditions, and their efforts were generally frustrated by a virile defence, in which Adams, Stephens and Nicholl were brilliant. Stephens left nothing to chance in his close attention of the attack, and generally found ample time to set his forwards in motion with well-timed passes. Standing acquitted himself very well after a shaky start, and his play was much more marked as the game progressed.

Duffield and Roberts were generally the leading players in the attack, both displaying clever touches which had the Navy defence preoccupied. Both these players worked well with their respective wingers, and the latter, in particular, showed a keen eye for goal. Had Ordinance possessed an alert centre-forward many more goals would have been scored, and the Navy would have been in a more comfortable position.

More often than not the Navy attacks were broken up by Reynolds had a comparatively easy time in goal. He was splendidly covered by Adams and Russell, both of whom kicked strongly and neatly.

## GOALLESS FIRST HALF

In the first period Ordinance had the greater share of the game, and only a few passes from open play, and the forwards prevented them from holding a commanding lead at the interval. As it was the interval arrived with the score still blank.

On the resumption Navy asserted pressure, but Ordinance managed to withstand their attacks and were soon counter-attacking. A corner was taken, and a splendid drive by Stephens culminated in that player opening the score. Standing then commenced a grand movement, and on the stroke of half-time, Emberson scored a good goal. Navy reduced their arrears through Barber, after a defensive lapse by Reynolds, but with only a few minutes to go, Ordinance's third goal with a beautiful cross-drive.

Navy—Rutter; Hall, O'Leary; Croft, Layhe, Murrin; Barrow, Hendy, Murrin and Barber.

ORDINANCE—Reynolds; Adams; Russell; Nicholls; Stephens; Standing; Emberson; Roberts; Hewison; Duffield and Harland.

## FOUR GAMES POSTPONED

Owing to the non-appearance of Kowloon, the senior game scheduled to have taken place at Boundary St. between Police and Kowloon was postponed. The Police team and the referee were on the field ready changed, but only two Kowloon players turned out, the others apparently having been told the game was postponed.

Both games at Sookunpo were postponed, although 24th Battery and Signals came ready changed to play, and were disappointed when the ground was adjudged unfit for play.

The remaining Third Division encounter, to have taken place at Boundary Street between Shell and 20th Battery, was postponed early yesterday morning.

## BOWLER IN HOSPITAL

The many friends of J. C. Chalmers, Talko lawn bowler, will be sorry to learn that he is a patient in the Queen Mary Hospital and that it will be probably be some time before he will be able to return to work again.

There will be a meeting of the Garrison Bowler Committee at the Garrison Club, Queen's Road, at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

# RUGBY SEVENS FIRST ROUND MATCHES TO BE PLAYED TO-MORROW

## DATES FOR THE OTHER GAMES NOT YET DECIDED

### By "Scrum-Half"

The postponement of yesterday's Racing and the subsequent decision to use Saturday, March 1, for the fifth day of the Annual Meeting has left Hong Kong Football Club in a quandary as March 1 had been fixed for the Final of their Charity Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament.

Yesterday's programme of First Round matches were postponed, surprisingly so in view of the mud larks indulged in on last season's final day, and also the probability of a large crowd due to no other major attraction yesterday, and new arrangements, as far as I can make out, are that the First Round matches will be played to-morrow, and a decision made later regarding the remaining matches.

Without clashing with a race meeting or playing on a Sunday the only practical solution seems to be to hold the second batch of matches on Wednesday, March 5, the third on March 12 and the final on Saturday, March 15, despite the big gap—10 days—between to-morrow's games and the Second Round matches.

To-morrow's games are as follows:—

3.30 p.m.—12th Heavy "B" v. Civil Service. Referee—J. S. Riddell.

3.50 p.m.—Royal Engineers v. 5th A.A. "A". Referee—Lt. Pirlo.

## Complete List Of The Teams

Following are the teams for to-morrow's matches:—

12th Heavy "B" v. Civil Service:—Murray; Leung, Weeden and Capt. Man; Pte. Jones; Pte. Perry, Sgt. Day and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Royal Engineers v. 5th A.A. "A":—Cpl. Pleton and Cpl. Pirlo; Cpl. Foley (capt.); Sgt. Martin (Lt. Sgt. Davis and Lt. Col. Dring); Cpl. Appleby and Sgt. Rees.

Club "A" v. 12th Heavy "B":—D. H. Stevens and J. B. McDowell; J. M. Thomson; C. F. Neumann, A. F. Walker (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Police v. 5th A.A. "A":—Police; C. F. Neumann, A. F. Walker (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Police v. 5th A.A. "A":—Police; C. F. Neumann, A. F. Walker (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

## SING TAO LOSE GRIP

Favourites for the premier Football League title after their victory over South China, Sing Tao, as the result of the loss of three points in two successive games, may now be out of the race for runners-up honours.

Sing Tao has now only to wait until Eastern, who have lost one point more than they have, and unless something very unexpected happens they are assured of at least the runners-up position.

Both South China and Eastern have to meet Kwong Wah, while South China have a stiff obstacle in Police, whom they also met in the Second Round of the Senior Shield on Saturday last.

It is now certain that the championship will not be decided until these two clubs play their last game.

Following are the remaining games of the three leading Chinese teams:—

South China—Police (h) Kwong Wah (h) and Navy (a).

Eastern—Kwong Wah (a), Eastern (h) and Club (a).

Sing Tao—Club (h).

## ENGINEERS SLIPPING?

A little over a month ago Royal Engineers appeared well set to win the Second Division Football League Championship, but now both Sing Tao and Royal Army Service Corps are offering them a strong challenge, so much so that with Suppers' defeat at the hands of Service Corps during the week, and with their falling off in form due to injuries and other causes, their hold on the leadership is now precarious.

Sing Tao, who started the season indifferently, are now playing good soccer and have a chance of winning the championship, while Service Corps have lost three points more than Suppers and are only waiting for them to slip up.

Following are their remaining games:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Club; Sing Tao, 20th R.A., Kwong Wah, Kowloon, Kit Chao and South China, Sing Tao, Kwong Wah, Kowloon, Kit Chao and Navy.

SING TAO—Club, Police, Kowloon, 20th R.A., Royal Engineers, Navy and Service Corps.

## "SCRUM-HALF'S" FORECAST

First Round winners should be Club "A", the holders, Middlesex "A", Civil Service, Royal Scots "A", Royal Engineers, D. & S. 8th Heavy "A", Combined Small Units "A", Hong Kong Bank and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Second Round winners should be Club "A", Civil Service, Royal Engineers, 12th Heavy "A", Club "B", Police "A", 5th Heavy "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Quarterfinalists should be Club "A", Royal Engineers, Police "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Semifinalists should be Club "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Winners—Tamar & Small Ships "A".

## TENNIS TRIP GOES ABEGGING

A trip which would have been followed with much interest by local tennis enthusiasts has just fallen through.

Recently an invitation was received by Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association from the Philippines Association, Manila, to send a team through Mr. L. R. Hidesono, asking the local body to send Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui to Manila to take part in the forthcoming open tennis tournament, or failing other local players, any other popular local tennis personalities.

Unfortunately no local players were available at the time. Sing Tao Sports Club, however, took up the idea and arrangements were practically completed for Tsui Yan-pui and Paul Kong to accompany the Sing Tao football team on their trip to Manila, and play exhibition tennis matches.

Kong, however, found that pressure of business would prevent him from taking the necessary leave, and Tsui Yan-pui, not wishing to go unaccompanied by another tennis player, also declined.

## LITTLE NEW LAWN TENNIS TALENT IN H.K.

Enquiries made yesterday revealed that the forthcoming local tennis championships are likely to follow much the same lines as in recent years.

There has been little or no new blood introduced to the Colony, while, so far as can be ascertained, most of the leading players are still here and likely to participate. Questioned yesterday, H. D. Rumjahn, who last year, with his cousin S. A. Rumjahn, caused one of the biggest upsets in the history of the tournament when they won the doubles title from the Tsui brothers, stated that his cousin and he would be defending their doubles title, while Sirdar would also endeavour to retain the singles crown he so surprisingly won from Tsui Wai-pui.

The Tsui brothers, Paul Kong and other prominent contenders from Chinese Recreation Club will all be participating, while T. C. Chan, a player from Java who helped C.A.C. in their final League match last year, will be a new entry.

Making his debut this year will be K. H. Yip, one of the more promising of the C.R.C. players, who should gain valuable experience even if he does not progress very far.

It is understood that the veterans W. C. Hung and E. C. Fletcher will once again pair off in the doubles event.

## DICK SWAN TURNS TO REFEREEING

Dick Swan, ex-Hong Kong Interporter goalkeeper, who left the Colony about 12 years ago, is now in uniform again. He is an A.R.P. Warden in his native county of Angus. He is too old for his favourite game but he is refereeing. He controlled a match between the soldiers of Poland and a team of Scots and, he adds in a letter just received in Hong Kong, "there are no flies on the Rules as far as football is concerned."

## CLUB SECRETARY

A Watson, of Messrs. Loxley will be acting Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Football Club during the absence of E. L. Strang, who is on leave in Australia.

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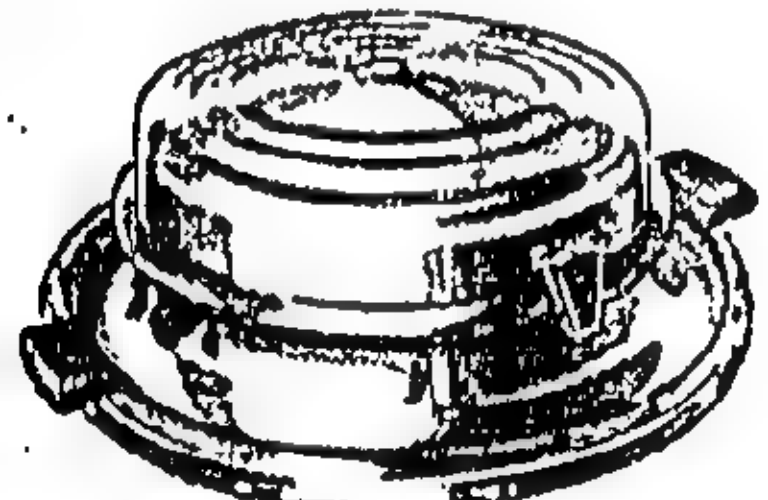
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# EXTENSIVE SWEEP BY THE R.A.F.

## Heavy Daylight Raids On Channel Invasion Ports

### Oil Targets In Reich Strafed

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE ON Friday and Saturday continued the sweep over Northern Europe, an Air Ministry communique issued in London yesterday revealed.

On Friday a number of daylight raids were made on Calais and Den Helder, where docks were bombed.

Bursts were observed in the harbour and on dock gates, while a direct hit was scored on the stern of an enemy supply ship at anchor.

An enemy tanker off the Norwegian coast was set on fire, burning off covering the water round the vessel.

All our planes returned safely.

Another sweep was carried out over Northern France, and after dusk R.A.F. bombers attacked industrial targets in the Ruhr, where oil refineries at Gelsenkirchen and an inland port were bombed.

At night the R.A.F. resumed the attacks on the German invasion bases on the French coast.

### Oil Plants Set Afire

Further details of Friday night's R.A.F. attacks on industrial targets in the Ruhr and enemy aerodromes in north-west Germany and Holland are given in an Air Ministry communique.

At Gelsenkirchen bombs were seen to burst in an area covered by oil plants and fires were started.

At the inland port of Duisburg-Ruhrort targets in the neighbourhood were also successfully bombed and set afire.

One R.A.F. aircraft is missing from these operations. Docks at Ostend were attacked during the night by Coastal Command aircraft without loss.—Reuter.

### All Night Attack

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"] According to coastal reports, the R.A.F. bombardment of the invasion ports in the Channel continued all through the night and was in progress as late as 7 a.m. yesterday (Saturday) morning.—International News Service.

### Nazi High Command Communique

According to yesterday's German High Command communique Nazi fighters on Friday destroyed nine British planes of the Spitfire type over the south-east coast of England.

The communique also states: "An enemy bomber was brought down over the Dutch coast."

"The Luftwaffe attacked enemy columns of motor vehicles and armoured cars in Cyrenaica, setting several vehicles on fire."

"German bombers destroyed military objectives at Benghazi and El Agheila." Concerning the raids on London the communique states: "On Friday night strong bomber forces dropped very heavy calibre bombs on industrial targets in London and several aerodromes, causing large fires and explosions."

The dropping of high explosive bombs by the R.A.F. especially on a town in western Germany, is also recorded and it is stated that "slight damage done to residential districts."

One German aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

### CANNOT UNDERSTAND

The Japanese consul-general in Sydney declared yesterday that in the light of cables he had recently received from Japan he could not understand the reasons for the warnings regarding the situation in the Pacific as far as it affects Japanese-Australian relations.

The news he had received did not justify such a plan, he said. Meanwhile the Japanese community in Australia has not received any intimation to return home.

### ITALIAN STORY OF OPERATIONS IN SOMALILAND

HARD FIGHTING in the Kisimayu zone in the Lower Jouba district of Italian Somaliland was mentioned in yesterday's Italian High Command communique.

It adds that Italian air formations successfully bombed an enemy troop concentration.

It also says that enemy pressure on the Keren sector has diminished and it further states that during mopping up operations after fighting on Feb. 13 it was ascertained that the enemy suffered considerable losses and a great quantity of arms and ammunition were left on the field.

In North Africa, the communique adds, there is nothing of interest to report in land operations. Italian planes bombed enemy mechanised units and ships along the coast while German planes attacked troops, tanks and mechanised units. One plane failed to return.

Concerning the fighting on the Greek front the communique says that an enemy attempt to reach the Italian positions was "frustrated" while Italian planes bombed Valetta harbour and Mikra aerodrome in Malta. During Feb. 12 and 13 two enemy planes were brought down in the Aegean Sea.

### Cruiser Claim

The communique also says that a British cruiser of the Carisle class was hit by an Italian air formation while another enemy cruiser which appeared off Mogadiscio was "put to flight" by Italian bombers.

It concludes by stating that enemy biplanes attacked a locality in Eritrea.—Reuter.

### Nairobi Communique

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday says that operations are proceeding according to plan. In Italian Somaliland, Asmidu and Bulerillo have been captured by East African troops.

In Eritrea, the town of Keren is being steadily surrounded.

### Air Cooperation

An official air communique issued in Nairobi yesterday stated that on Thursday South African Air Force bombers were again active.

In Italian Somaliland, Bardera was heavily bombed. Several direct hits were scored on administrative buildings and a ferry and works were damaged.

On the Abyssinian front a band of (native) looters concentration was bombed in the delta area of the Ono River. Fires caused by the raid of the previous day were still burning.—Reuter.

### SECRET SESSION ON SAMOA BASE

The Naval Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate is calling the Chief of Naval Operations to give evidence in a secret session regarding the Navy's request for a base at Samoa.

It is emphasised that a base in Samoa was of strategic importance to United States naval defence.—Reuter.

### The Mysterious Mr. Alexander

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech at Bath, in which he recalled that Britain had withstood intense attacks against shipping and had built and acquired a large tonnage for replacements, added that the Navy "captured a few ships on Thursday but I cannot give details."—Reuter.

### WIDESPREAD R.A.F. RAIDS OVER GERMANY

HEAVY AND WIDESPREAD raids were carried out by the R.A.F. over Germany and German-occupied territories during the week ended February 14 despite bad weather.

The industrial area at Hanover was attacked twice during this period, the first attack being particularly heavy and successful, lasting six hours and causing fires too numerous to mention, while despite bad weather over 90 per cent. of the bombing force reached their objective.

### LORD STAMP'S SURVEY CLOSES

The first phase of Britain's effort to solve the immense problem to co-ordinate the war plans of various Government departments closes with the announcement of the winding up of the economic survey directed by Lord Stamp since before the beginning of the war.

Aim of Lord Stamp and his colleagues was, says the "Times," "to keep watch over the whole economic field, to see and wherever possible to force what required to be done, to examine how it could be done most effectively and with the least detriment to efforts in other directions, and to reconcile divergent views inevitably taken by different departments concerned each of which necessarily sees every problem from its own angle."

The survey, which met regularly several times a week, discussed every aspect of our economic life as it affected or was affected by the war and drew up proposals.

### New Method

The difficulty of machinery to carry out the proposals smoothly and progressively was continually arising and the Prime Minister recently announced that he thought the best method to effect the necessary co-ordination was through executive committees of Ministers.

The "Times" says it is safe to say that no matter who directs the economic effort, whatever mechanism or organisation is devised the materials assembled by the survey in their memorandum covering every phase of this effort is bound to prove of utmost value. Gratitude is due to Lord Stamp and his colleagues for their unstinted labours of the past eighteen months.—British Wireless.

### RUMANIA'S OBEDIENCE

THE GERMAN RADIO STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE STAFF OF THE NORWEGIAN LEGATION IN BUCHAREST HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY. Reason given is that Rumania no longer recognises the Government represented by the Norwegian Legation there.—Reuter.

### PREPARING TO LEAVE RUMANIA

British diplomatic representatives in Bucharest and members of the Belgian, Dutch and Chinese Legations left for Constantza on Friday. They were scheduled to embark at dawn yesterday, according to a message received in Rome from the Rumanian capital.—Reuter.

### Washington Taking Serious View

THE FAR EAST CONTINUES TO CLAIM A LARGE SLICE OF WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION.

While the general impression remains that Japan is engaged in another chapter of the war of nerves, the situation is being taken seriously and it seems clear that the United States will not be caught napping in the Pacific, any more than the British or the Dutch.

A leading article in the New York "Herald-Tribune" says that the sudden crisis in the Far East, arising at this critical juncture, threatens war on a global scale for the destiny of the entire earth. Putting together the despatches from the Far East and Europe, the "Herald-Tribune" continues, creates the impression that a vast offensive is about to burst on all fronts, but a close inspection reveals flaws in the picture and "one suspects a large element of a war of nerves about the Far East."

The journal believes that, in any case, Japan is now tied to German action almost as closely as American safety is bound up with the survival of Britain. It asserts that "the Japanese may hesitate now, but they may, like Mussolini last summer, be virtually obliged to plunge at the first moment they think Germany is winning."

### One Great Struggle

The "Herald-Tribune" goes on to say that the war has now become indivisible from China to Africa and to the Atlantic seaplanes.

"This is one great struggle, the outcome of which is decisive for the globe."

"Americans could, if they wished, crawl into fancied isolation and allow the last citadels of democracy to be taken piecemeal. Fortunately they have chosen the clearer course and by welding their economic strength to Britain's power, they are presenting a solid bloc to total attack against which that attack can be shattered."

"The only possible answer to the threat of a world offensive is greater United States firmness, boldness and readiness for instant action in either sea."—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

Single German raiders appeared at various points in England yesterday. There were casualties in a north-east coast town in the morning when bombs were dropped but none was fatal.—British Wireless.

### FRIDEN CALCULATORS

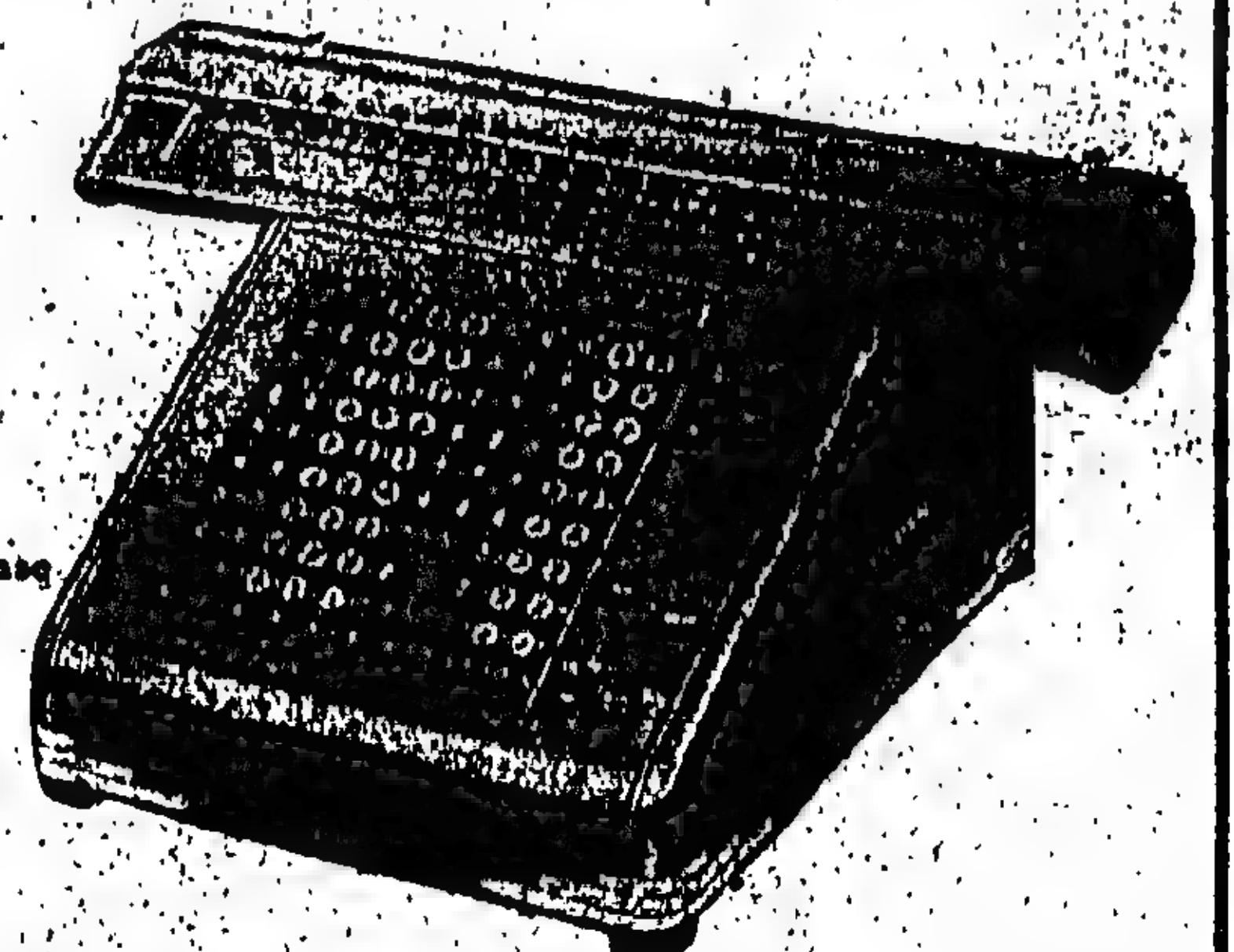
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"I didn't do it" seems to be Redman's attitude as Lt. Comdr. Harrison R.N., the referee, comes up to mark the spot for a scrum following Lavalle's tackle of Wilson in the "A" game.



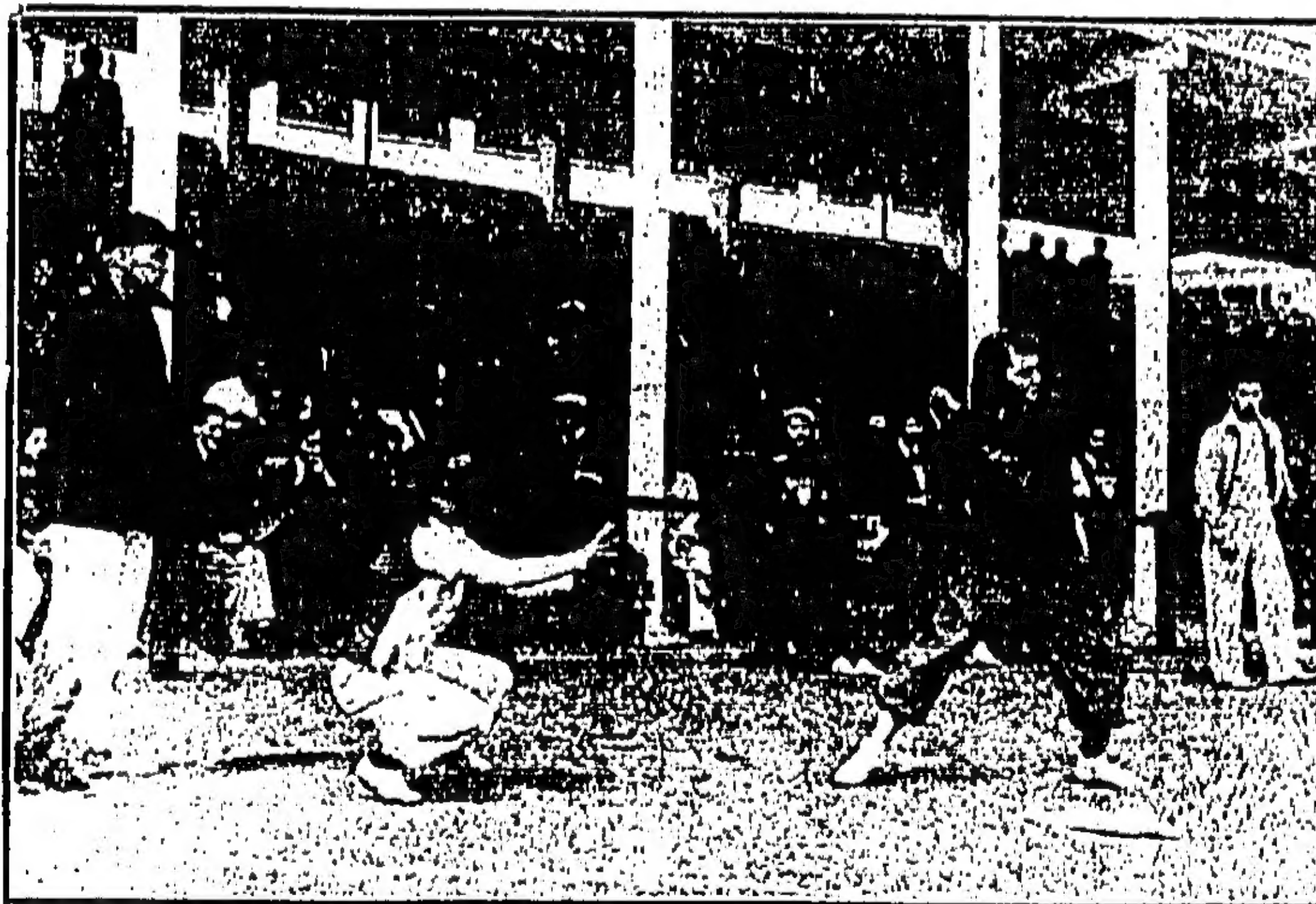
Day being tackled with McDonald also there to stop him if he broke away again.

## Ladies League Softball

Wahoon dropped out of the running in the Girls' Softball League when they were defeated by Canadian Chinese B-6 in last Sunday's game. At right, Canuckette Mary Ng is shown batting during play. Jackie Anderson is the Wahoo catcher, and Ski Powlawski, umpire, is seen at left.



Ullan Khoo sprints home after hitting a homer for Canadian Chinese. Jackie Anderson, Wahoo catcher, is waiting for the throw-in.

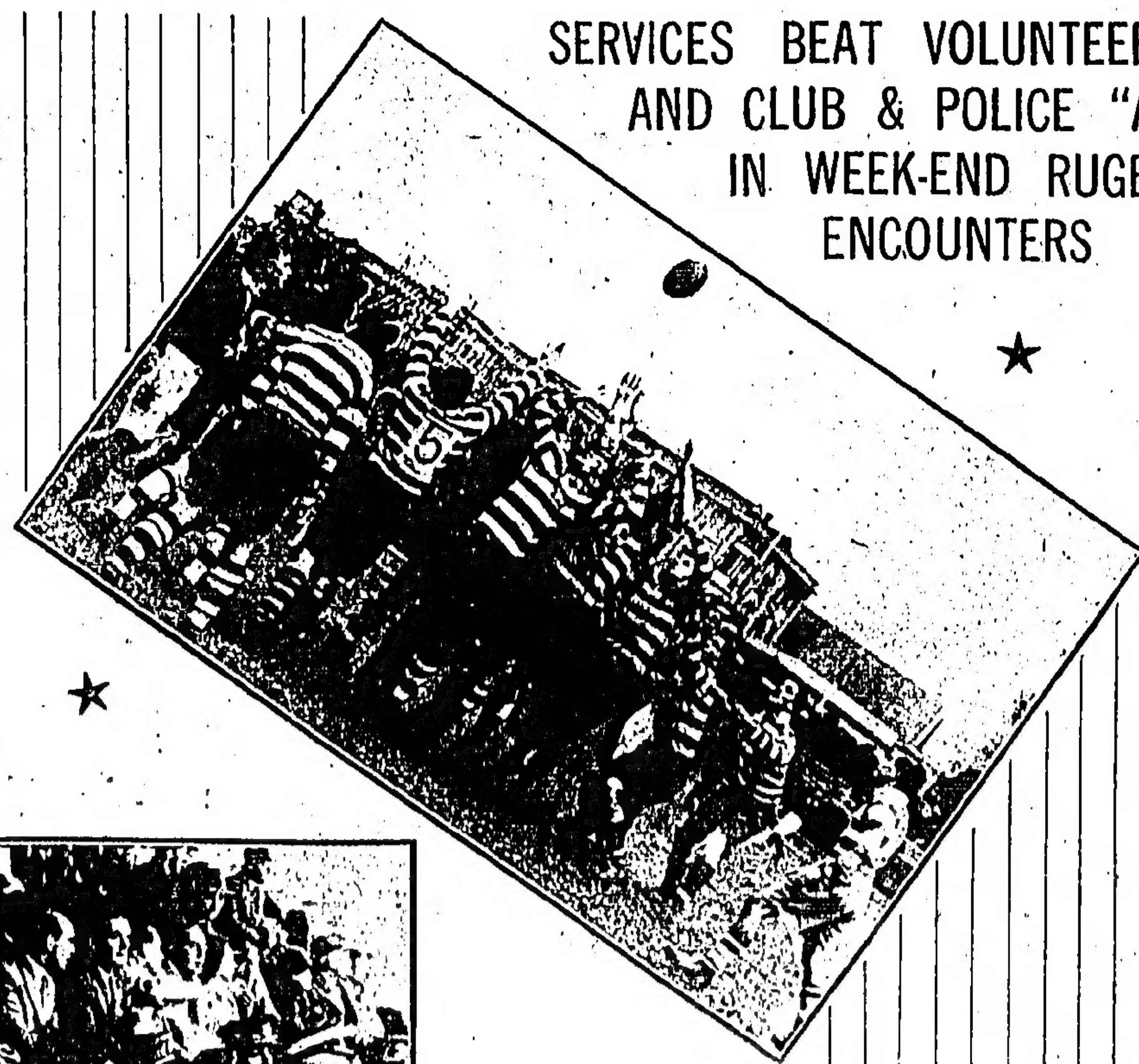


Jeannette Yollo, Wahoo's left-fielder, taking stance at the plate. At left is umpire Ski Powlawski.



Yvonne Yollo being tossed out at first base by Mary Ng who makes a quick pass to Rene Yuen (with back to camera).

## SERVICES BEAT VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB & POLICE "A" IN WEEK-END RUGBY ENCOUNTERS



(Above)—A line-out during the "big" game showing, from left to right, Ford, Day, Needham (5), Walkden, Godfrey, Kennedy, Wright-Nooth and Thomson. (At left) A section of the crowd showing H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett at extreme left, with A.Ldg. Tel. Bowden, the Navy wing-threequarter, immediately behind him, and seated next to D. McLellan, a former Cup captain.

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Of course, this doesn't come easily to all women. But Claudette insists that if you haven't that burnish for this, it can be acquired.

In Paramount's release, *Arise My Love*, Claudette has two suits, one of which she liked so well she bought it to wear under winter coats. The skirt is brown and the jacket copper with insets of the darker colour. Don't miss Claudette's black lace evening gown, which is worn over a flesh-coloured slip, nor the way the lace is used to decorate her hair.

Another evening gown for all these holiday festivities is the one Edith Head created for Doris Nolan in Paramount's *Moon Over Burma*. It is a slim silhouette of white crepe with high neck, long sleeves and jewelled buttons and cuff links. This is one of the most serviceable of models for evening and very popular among Hollywood designers right now. (Before I forget, if you want an advance glimpse of your 1941 sun suit, watch for Dorothy Lamour's startling suggestion in this same picture.) For an all-around winter wardrobe, even some spring wardrobe, don't miss *Marlin* in Paramount's *Love Thy Neighbour*. For your information, the skirts of these advance fashions are both slender and circular. So breathe easy, you won't be holding some spring. Miss Head has a few words of warning for us. Accessories should match or complement the dress you wear.

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Of course, the sophisticates can get away with more than the money types, concedes Miss Head, but in any case, never permit an unnecessary to jump out at you. In evening attire, don't go in for nude effects this year, and don't let your daytime skirts stop at the knees.

In fact, it is Miss Head's fervent hope that you will let your skirt length be determined by a long, honest look at your legs in the mirror.

"Then judge for yourself," says Miss Head, recklessly.

In Paramount's *North West Mounted Police*, Madeline Carroll displays authentic 1865 costumes. She is due to start another revival

vogue with that Angliann Mission nurse's garb.

Adrian has designed the clothes for M.C.M.'s forthcoming production, *The Philadelphia Story*. These are well worth your attention, especially Katharine Hepburn's long-sleeved white dinner dress and Ruth Hussey's three suits. Adrian believes in gowns. These three all follow the straight silhouette. Useful under anybody's coat right now would be the sheer black wool model with the short velvet jacket and white plique

vege.

Stop-Look-Listen signs for the season, says Adrian, are: high

necks, low waistlines; almost normal shoulders; necessities; plain flares; long, flat and narrow. If you haven't much money to spend on clothes, you must spend more thought. That is why budgets make better-dressed women.

See Universal's current picture *One Night in the Tropics*, and I'll guarantee you'll start thinking of summer wardrobes willy-nilly. Nancy Kelly out-shines the sun in her canary yellow and purple costume designed by Vera West. This has a yellow wool princess coat fitted and zippered to just below the waistline. From there it flares out exposing the purple crepe skirt. Seams of the coat are outlined in purple wool thread with matching embroidery on the square yoke and wide-topped sleeves. Does your face light up with an idea for brightening that old black number you wore to Aunt Nell's funeral? I thought so.

You will be interested in a personal letter I have just received from Renie, who is all excited about the 24 changes she has designed for Ginger Rogers in *RKO Radio's Kitty Foyle*. "Most exciting girls," writes Renie, "will be interested in the dress we call the Kitty Foyle Dress, with which she starts work as a secretary in her first job." Renie goes on to describe it but as my space is limited, you will have to see the picture for yourselves.

This and that from Warner Brothers' *Ida Lupino* twisted a scrap of black fox into a circle, stuck a jewelled pin in the centre and decorated her lapel with it. The hat pills belonging to Ann Sheridan are headed with balls of blue fox. Gail Page applied gold lame flowers at the neck and wrists of a black velvet gown. Nothing like a new idea to start the year off right.



Black velvet sleeves, yoke and front panel have been used in this smart two-piece dress modelled by Ida Lupino who appears in Warner's *'They Drive By Night'*. Huge cabochon emeralds form the centres of the barbaric pair of clips fastening the top. With the costume she wears a huge silver fox muff and veil draped at the back of her felt chapeau.

A BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN:

## Hungry Visitor

By Howard R. Garis

Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail sat down to supper in the hollow tree house. With them sat their children, Billie, Johnnie and Friskie. "There's going to be a surprise to-night, Daddy," said Friskie. "A surprise? How nice," said Mr. Bushytail. "What is it?" "Snow pudding," said Friskie. "Hail! Hail! Billie and Johnnie thought they had a secret from me. But I found out about it and made the snow pudding myself. It's outside the door now, keeping cool."

"Fine," said Mr. Bushytail. "I like snow pudding."

"Hail! Hail!" laughed Johnnie. "Why are you laughing?" asked Friskie.

"We didn't eat the snow pudding, Friskie."

"No, they didn't," said Mr. Bushytail. "It was one of the Bad Chaps. I can see the prints of his paws in the snow around the back porch. The Bob Cat came to the party without being invited. He ate the snow pudding!"

"Is he there now?" asked Friskie.

"No," said Mr. Bushytail. "He isn't. The Bob Cat is gone."

But the Bob Cat wasn't gone. He was hiding in the corner. Then, when Friskie was feeling very sad about the snow pudding, Billie and Johnnie brought out the chestnuts.

"This is the real secret," said the squirrel boys. "We are going to make a roast chestnut party for you, Friskie. That's the secret. That's why mother said 'hush!' when you came along."

"Oh, I love roast chestnuts!" said Friskie. "I think this is the nicest party I ever had. I am delightedly surprised!"

Some other squirrel boys and girls came scurrying to the party. Johnnie and Billie put the chestnuts on the stove to roast. The Bob Cat, hidden behind a broom, sniffed the good smell.

"They don't know I am here, but I am!" mewed the Bob Cat. And if the sugar bowl will make a little house for the golden cat of some sticks of candy, next you shall hear about how pop went the Bob Cat.

To make Coffee Sauce: Combine strong, hot coffee, one cup granulated sugar, and two tablespoons corn syrup. Cook them ten minutes, cool and place in refrigerator to chill. Serve very cold, with or without the addition of whipped cream.

But they laughed because they were going to surprise Friskie and give her a roast chestnut party in a little while.

Meanwhile the uninvited guest had sneaked up to the back door. Outside the back door, waiting to be invited in, was the snow pudding. But the snow pudding didn't wait very long. All of a sudden the Bob Cat ate the snow pudding all up.

"Oh, yes. I forgot to tell you the uninvited guest was the Bob Cat. But perhaps you guessed it."

"Yum-yum!" mewed the Bob Cat, snacking his lips. "That snow pudding was good. But there must be something else good for the party. They didn't invite me, but I am going in."

Friskie had forgotten to close the back door of the hollow tree house tightly when she set her snow pudding out to cool. So the

uninvited guest, Bob Cat, had no trouble getting in when he had eaten the snow pudding. He hid in the back entry, behind a pile of moss, branches and paths.

"When supper was over, Friskie went to the back door to get the snow pudding. But of course it wasn't there."

"Oh, somebody has eaten my lovely snow pudding!" cried Friskie. She looked for her brothers. But Johnnie and Billie truthfully said:

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Canna red and chartruese are teamed in this smart spectator sports costume worn by Elizabeth Earl, Warner Bros. newcomer. A hand-knit dress of chartruese is topped off with a smart canna red wool coat which is fitted at the waist and flares sharply to the hemline. Large bone buttons mark the single-breasted closing. She wears a turban which matches her dress. With her is Dennis Morgan, featured in *'Flight Angels'*.

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BRENDA MARSHALL wears a youthful hairdress. A section of hair at the front of the crown is divided off and combed over to the left side where it is fastened with a gold bow pin. The hair at the sides and back is loosely combed in soft waves and curls.

## Strive For Natural Effect Authority Advises Teen-Age

Frequently high school girls write seeking my advice on cream and make-up, how to dress their hair, and how to be charming. A large order for one small letter! To-day I shall attempt to answer these questions in a general fashion. Skin beauty is important. Fortunately, most young girls are blessed with a clear texture. But some girls have adolescent eruptions which should be cared for intelligently. Young, clear skins need few cosmetics. A reliable cleansing cream and a softening lotion or cream. That is all. Macquies, skin toniques, pore pastes, etc., are for aging skins, and unless you need a specific corrective treatment do not tax your skin by experimenting with them.

## Concentrate On Hair And Hands

If you desire to be a belle ten or twenty years from now, you will be wise to concentrate your beauty efforts on the care of your hair and hands! What regrets girls suffer who bleach or dye, or curl to a crisp, young hair which was meant to be only groomed by scalp massage, daily brushings and regular shampooing! Your very first teen-age is not too young to begin diligent care of your hair. As the years swiftly roll by you will want your hair to retain its colour, its soft texture and its natural sheen. It will not do so unless you care for it as you should. If I had a daughter of sub-teen age (or dear me, she is the beauty routine I would give her, and I should put her on her honour to follow it to the best of her ability and time.

## Exercise No. 1

Upon arising brush your teeth well, and rinse your mouth with a cleanser. Wash your skin with a bland soap and warm water. Rinse it well, dash handful of cold water on it. If the weather is cold, apply a thin film of softening cream before going out of doors. Massage it well into your skin. Cleanse your face with cream at the end of the day. Brush your hair away from the scalp at least one hundred strokes. Take time to dress it becomingly. For lipstick, you may use one of the deeper rose shades. Leave the vivid reds for older ladies. Powder, well selected for colour, is permissible at night. During the daytime you do not need it. No other make-up is necessary unless you step out to a party, then rouge if you wish, and maybe a speck of light green or blue eye-

## Exercise No. 2

Stand or sit with chest and bust lifted and shoulders flat, fingers clasped in each other in front.

## Exercise No. 3

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

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## Exercise No. 6

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

## Exercise No. 7

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

## Exercise No. 8

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

## Exercise No. 9

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

## Exercise No. 10

On hands and knees, with fingers pointing toward each other. Keep back flat and head up, resting weight on elbows and slowly lower the body until the chest almost touches the floor. Then slowly raise the body, repeating throughout entire exercise, repeat four times and rest. Eight times altogether.

## Exercise No. 11

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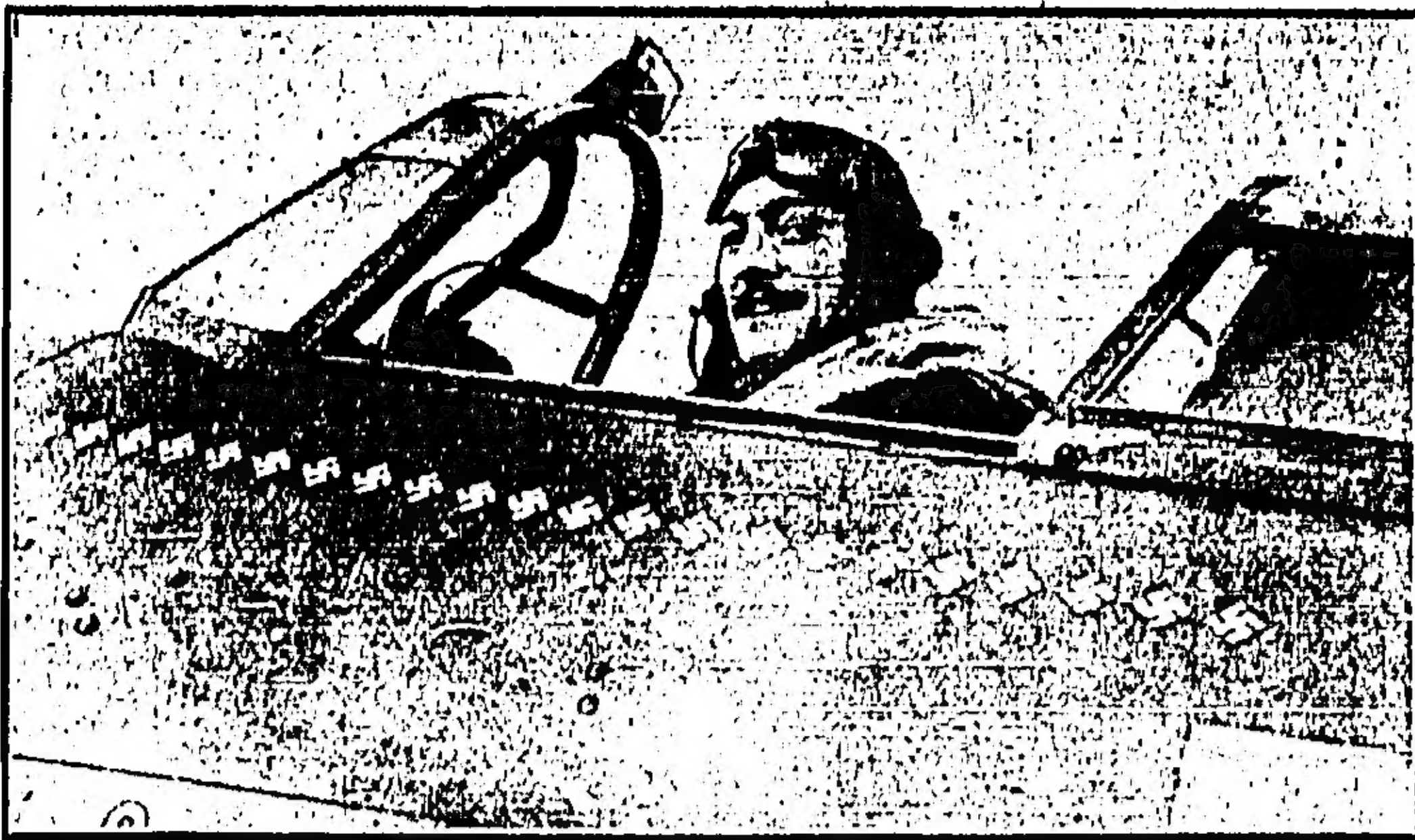
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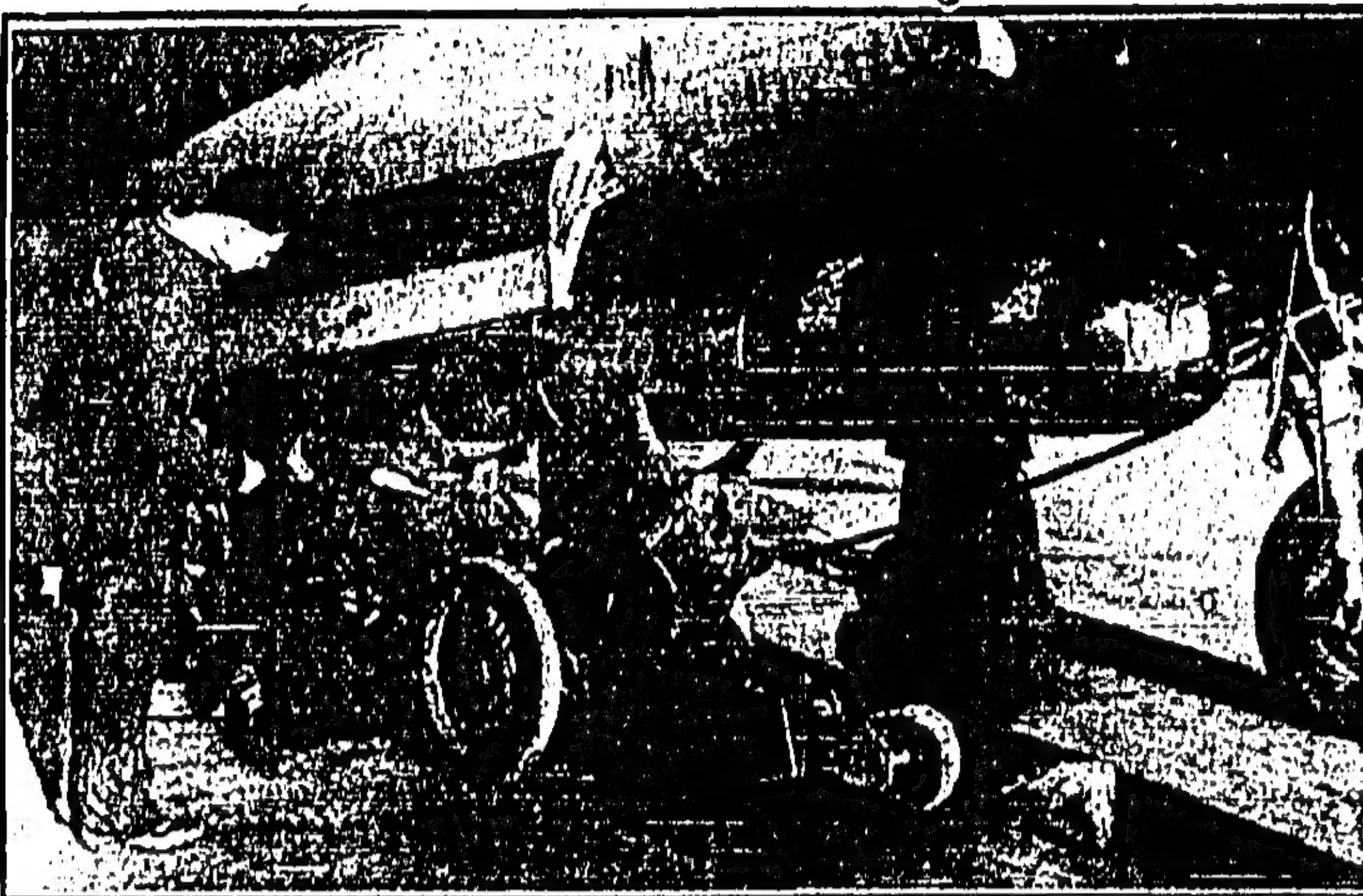
Wearing his gas mask, a sailor peeps out of a porthole, not for air as it might appear but to see how the drill is progressing. A weird but familiar sight in war time.



Monica Waldeck, who has just won her fourth competition for the most perfectly built girl, certainly wears jumpers in keeping with the times.



When for the first time an Italian bomber squadron protected by fighter aircraft tried to raid Britain not a bomber succeeded in dropping its missiles on British soil, but eight bombers and five fighters were shot down. Members of one squadron of Hurricanes were responsible for bringing down ten machines that day, which bag included seven Italian aircraft. The C.O. of the Squadron, a D.F.C., is already responsible for 23 victories, as denoted by these swastikas painted on his plane.



The Fleet Air Arm have recently shown the efficiency of the torpedo as a weapon against shipping. The German theory that only bombs can carry out air blockade against shipping has been refuted by torpedo carrying squadrons. In this photograph one of the huge torpedoes is shown being hoisted into the undercarriage of a Bristol Beaufort, one of the fastest twin-engine bombers in the world.



Two penny meals for shelterers in the tubes is the latest experiment of the L.P.T.B. It is already in operation at Holland Park Station and will be carried to 79 other underground stations where members of the public are allowed to spend the night. Here we see one of the Board's "Nipples", with menu attached, serving refreshments to shelterers at Holland Park Station.

## OF LOCAL INTEREST



(Left) — Mrs. Dorothy Sun Young, newly appointed Principal of the Tao Chung Middle School for Girls in Masses, which is affiliated with the Beaumont College for Girls in New York, who has left for Shikwan to submit reports to the Department of Education there. Mrs. Sun Young is the wife of Dr. Sun Young of the Chinese Foreign Service.

A goalless draw was the surprise result of the first division league football match between Sing Tao and Kowloon last Saturday. Highlights of the game were the brilliant defensive work on the part of Kowloon and the faulty passing and inaccurate shooting by Sing Tao's forwards. An incident during play is shown in the view below.



People who use public shelters are strongly advised to wear a mask whilst sheltering as some protection against cold germs. There are two varieties, cellophane and gauze, both of which act as a filter to the mouth and nose. Here a shelterer, after securing his cellophane mask, helps to secure a gauze mask for his lady companion.



Nurses and one of their young patients, who miraculously escaped when two large calibre Nazi bombs hit a Children's Hospital in Central London, are shown above. The nurses at left and at right are seen holding portions of one of the huge missiles.



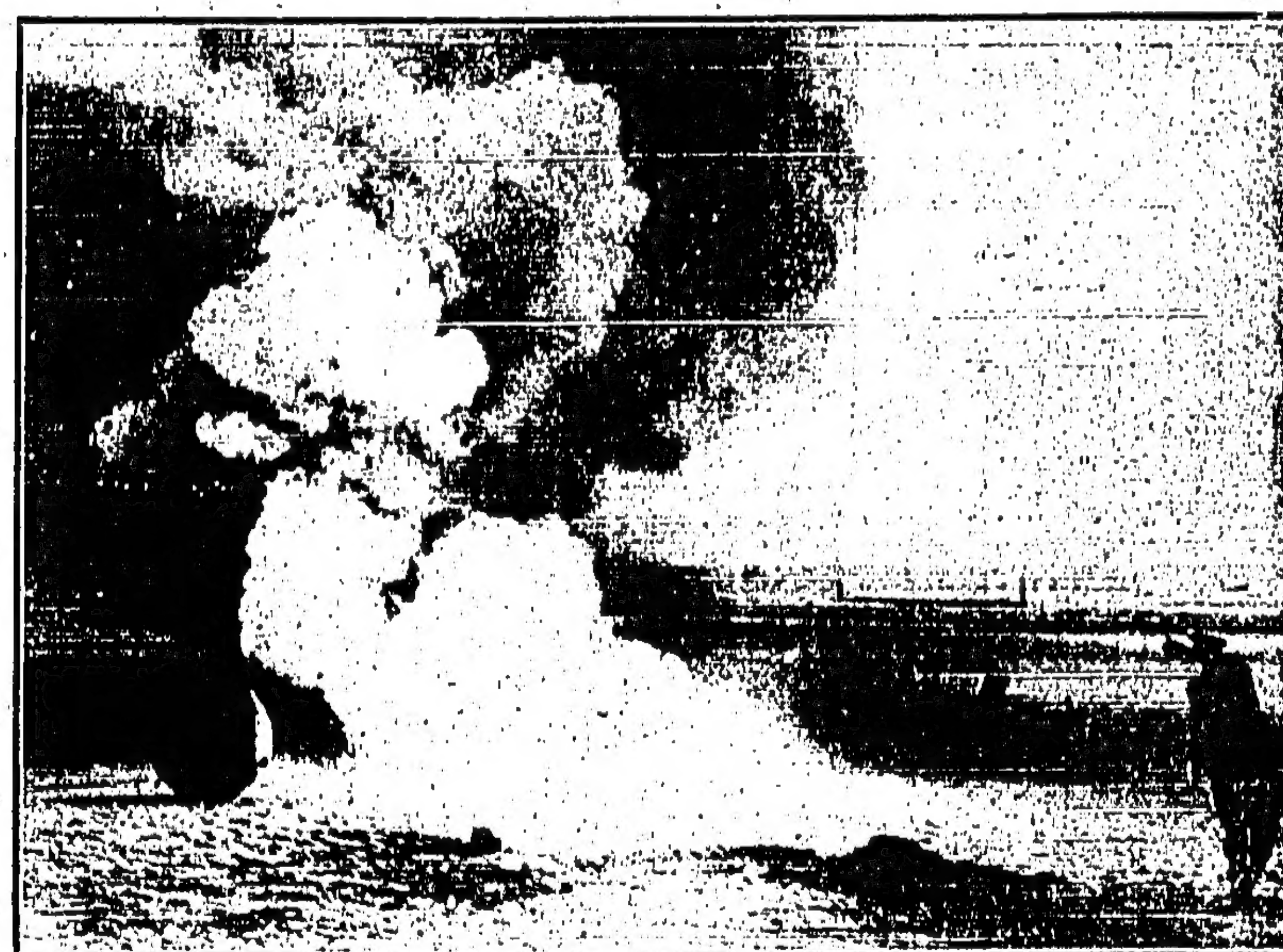
Men of the French Colonial Infantry, proudly repudiating the armistice with Germany, left Syria to join the forces of Free France under General de Gaulle. Here, with tri-colour flying, a Free French Unit is seen marching to a position in the desert.



A recent photograph of Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the Premier, leaving No. 10 Downing Street.



Flight Lieutenant John Alexander Kent, A.F.C. of Winnipeg, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a flight commander in one of the Polish Fighter Squadrons serving with the Royal Air Force. This squadron has brought down well over 100 enemy aircraft.



German mines are rendered harmless by Naval R.M.S. (Rendering Mines Unsafe) Squad who dismantle the mine and then set fire to the explosive. The mine is hauled up the beach and placed in position for dismantling. In this photograph is seen the explosive burning alongside a German mine while one of the Squad throws a piece of explosive on the blaze.



Roughley, of Navy, misses his kick but Giff, Navy goalkeeper, saves the situation in the senior league match against Eastern at Causeway Bay last Sunday. Eastern won by two goals to nil.

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